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1 Dàjiā hǎo, huānyíng láidào Mandarin Corner! Wǒ shì Eileen. 大家好,欢迎来到 Mandarin Corner! 我是 Eileen。 Hi, everyone. Welcome to Mandarin Corner! I am Eileen.

2 Zài Zhōngguó, dāng rénmen tánlùn xīnlǐ jíbìng shí, 在中国,当人们谈论心理疾病时, When talking about mental illnesses in China,

3 huì shì shénmeyàng de tàidu ne? 会是什么样的态度呢? what is people's attitude?

4 Jīntiān wǒmen qǐng dào yī míng zhè fāngmiàn de qīnlì zhě 今天我们请到一名这方面的亲历者 Today, we are having someone with direct experience

5 lái gēn dàjiā fēnxiǎng tā de jīnglì hé kànfǎ

来跟大家分享她的经历和看法 share her story and insights.

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Xiàmiàn yǒuqǐng tā lái gēn dàjiā dǎ gè zhāohu ba 下面有请她来跟大家打个招呼吧 Now, let's have her say "hello" to everyone.

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Dàjiā hǎo, wǒ shì Mógu 大家好,我是蘑菇 Hello everyone, I'm Mushroom.

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Wǒ shì xiànzài zài Qīngmài zuò mínsù, dànshì zhǔyè háishi huàhuà 我是现在在清迈做民宿,但是主业还是画画 Currently, I'm running a guesthouse in Chiang Mai, and (oil) painting is my main job.

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lái Qīngmài yǒu duōjiǔ le? 来清迈有多久了? How long have you been in Chiang Mai?

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Dàgài yǒu sān nián 大概有三年 About three years.

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Zěnme huì xiǎngdào yào yíjū hǎiwài ne? 怎么会想到要移居海外呢? What made you decide to move overseas?

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Yī kāishǐ wǒmen lái Tàiguó wán de shíhou wǒ jiù hěn xǐhuan Tàiguó 一开始我们来泰国玩的时候我就很喜欢泰国 I loved Thailand the first time we visited it

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ránhòu nàge shíhou wǒ gēn wǒ lǎogong jiù 然后那个时候我跟我老公就 and at that time, my husband and I

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liǎng gè rén jiù shāngliang shuō 两个人就商量说 discussed that

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děng wǒmen tuìxiū de shíhou yào bānjiā dào Tàiguó lái 等我们退休的时候要搬家到泰国来 after we retired, we would move to Thailand.

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hòumian yīnwèi wǒ zìjǐ gèrén de zhuàngkuàng yě bùtài hǎo, 后面因为我自己个人的状况也不太好, Later, I was not in a good (mental) state

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ránhòu wǒ jiù fēicháng fēicháng kěwàng bānjiā dào Tàiguó 然后我就非常非常渴望搬家到泰国 and so I started to desperately want to move to Thailand (sooner).

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hòumian wǒmen liǎng gè jiù yìshi dào 后面我们两个就意识到 At that time, we both realized that

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qíshí dāngxià jiùshì wǒmen zuì niánqīng de yī tiān, 其实当下就是我们最年轻的一天, we were in our prime

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nà wǒmen yīnggāi yòng wǒmen zuìhǎo de shíjiān 那我们应该用我们最好的时间 and we should use our best years

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qù xiǎngshòu wǒmen zuì xiǎng qù de dìfang. 去享受我们最想去的地方。 to enjoy the places we most wanted to be in.

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Nǐ gānggang shuō dāngshí zài guónèi de zhuàngtài bùtài hǎo ma 你刚刚说当时在国内的状态不太好嘛 You just mentioned you weren't in a good (mental) state back in China.

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kěyǐ jùtǐ shuō yīxià ma? 可以具体说一下吗? Could you tell us more about that?

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Zhīqián huì yǒu yīxiē yìyù hé jiāolǜ de wèntí 之前会有一些抑郁和焦虑的问题 Back then, I was struggling with depression and anxiety.

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Qíshí wǒ xiǎo de shíhou kěnéng jīnglì guo yīxiē bùtài hǎo de shìqing 其实我小的时候可能经历过一些不太好的事情 In fact, even when I was a child, I already experienced

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ránhòu jiù huì yǒu yīxiē zhèngzhuàng shàngmiàn, 然后就会有一些症状上面, some symptoms,

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dànshì yīzhí dōu bù liǎojiě zhè fāngmiàn 但是一直都不了解这方面 but I didn't know much about (mental health) at that time.

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Qíshí wǒ juéde Zhōngguó duìyú xīnlǐ fāngmiàn de yánjiū 其实我觉得中国对于心理方面的研究 Actually, I feel that China

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yě shì bǐjiào luòhòu de ba 也是比较落后的吧 was relatively behind in the field of mental health.

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suǒyǐ kěnéng jiù huì juéde shì shénme dòu xìng xīnlǜbùqí a 所以可能就会觉得是什么窦性心律不齐啊 So, my (symptoms) were mostly regarded as having sinus arrhythmia,

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huòzhě shì jiùshì lǎn a, méiyǒu dònglì zhīlèi de 或者是就是懒啊,没有动力之类的 or I was just being lazy and lacked motivation.

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Hòumian shì dào le nàge dàsì, 后面是到了那个大四, Later, when I was a senior in university,

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dāngshí yòu shì yào bìyè chuàngzuò yòu zài diànshìtái shíxí 当时又是要毕业创作又在电视台实习 I had to do a graduation project and an internship at a TV station,

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zhěng gè rén jiù xiànrù le yīzhŏng... 整个人就陷入了一种... I fell into a state...

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Wǒ yě bù zhīdào zěnmehuíshì 我也不知道怎么回事 I don't know what happened,

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mòmíngqímiào de zhuàngtài, jiù dòng bùliǎo le 莫名其妙的状态,就动不了了 I just fell into a strange state where I felt (emotionally) paralyzed.

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Nàge shíhou de zhuàngtài fēicháng de zāogāo, 那个时候的状态非常地糟糕, I was in a very bad place

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érqiě dāngshí cóng wàimiàn huílai 而且当时从外面回来 and at that time, when I came back

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jiù gōngzuò huílai zhīhòu, 就工作回来之后, from work,

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yī jìn fángjiān wǒ zhǐnéng tǎng zài chuáng shang kū 一进房间我只能躺在床上哭

as soon as I entered my room, I would just lie on the bed and cry

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huòzhě jiùshì miàn wúbiǎoqíng, wǒ yě bù shuōhuà 或者就是面无表情,我也不说话 or become expressionless and didn't feel like talking.

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Xǐzǎo a jiǎn zhǐjia zhèxiē duìwǒláishuō dōu tǐng nán de. 洗澡啊剪指甲这些对我来说都挺难的。 Even taking a bath or clipping my nails was difficult for me.

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Wǒ juéde kěnéng shì 我觉得可能是 To me,

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suàn bǐjiào yánzhòng de yīzhǒng zhuàngtài ba 算比较严重的一种状态吧 it felt like a serious situation.

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dāngshí tǐng bùhǎo de 当时挺不好的 It was pretty bad.

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Nǐ shuō xiǎoshíhou qíshí jiù kāishǐ yǒu zhèzhǒng... 你说小时候其实就开始有这种... You mentioned that you started

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hǎoxiàng yǒu yīdiǎn zhèngzhuàng le, shì ma? 好像有一点症状了,是吗? having symptoms when you were a kid, right?

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Dàgài shì shàng xiǎoxué chūzhōng de shíhou ba 大概是上小学初中的时候吧 Roughly when I was in primary and middle school,

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jiùshì mòmíngqímiào de xīnhuāng, chuản bù shàng qì

就是莫名其妙地心慌,喘不上气 I would have panic attacks and trouble breathing.

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Qíshí zhège yīnggāi shì wǒ juéde 其实这个应该是我觉得 I think those were more

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kěnéng gēn jiāolǜ guānxi gèng dà yīdiǎn 可能跟焦虑关系更大一点 tied to anxiety than depression.

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Nàshíhou de zhuàngtài qíshí bìng bùshì yìyù 那时候的状态其实并不是抑郁 At that point it wasn't really depression.

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Xuéyè zhòng ma? Háishi shuō fùmǔ gěi de yālì dà? 学业重吗? 还是说父母给的压力大? Was it because of heavy schoolwork or pressure from your parents?

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Wǒ juéde zhèzhǒng kěnéng gēn tiānshēng de yǒu diǎn guānxi, 我觉得这种可能跟天生的有点关系, I feel it was partly genetic

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ránhòu gēn wǒ bàba kěnéng yě yǒudiǎn guānxi, 然后跟我爸爸可能也有点关系, and partly because of my dad

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yīnwèi wǒ bàba shì yī gè píqi hěn bùwěndìng de rén. 因为我爸爸是一个脾气很不稳定的人。 since he had a very volatile temper.

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Tā jiùshì huíjiā kěnéng shì gāoxìng de, yě kěnéng bù gāoxìng 他就是回家可能是高兴的,也可能不高兴 He would come home happy, or very unhappy.

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Rúguǒ tā shì bù gāoxìng de nà jiù wándàn le 如果他是不高兴的那就完蛋了 If he was unhappy, everything would go to hell.

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Huì zěnmeyàng? Huì dǎ nǐ ma? 会怎么样?会打你吗? What would happen? Would he hit you?

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Bùhuì dǎ wǒ, dànshì tā fāpíqì jiùshì fēicháng tūrán de 不会打我,但是他发脾气就是非常突然的 He wouldn't hit me, but his anger would burst out for no reason.

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Ránhòu chīfàn de shíhou yīdìng huì xùn wǒ 然后吃饭的时候一定会训我 Every meal would turn into a lecture aimed at me.

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Jùtǐ tài nántīng yě bùxiǎng shuō 具体太难听也不想说 The details are too ugly to repeat.

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fǎnzhèng jiùshì wǒ bù wēihài shèhuì, 反正就是我不危害社会, In any case, (he would say) if I didn't harm others,

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jiùsuàn shì tā duì shèhuì zuò gòngxiàn le. 就算是他对社会做贡献了。 it would be (due to him) and this would be his contribution to society.

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Tā shēng wǒ bìng bùshì yīnwèi tā yào yǎnglǎo huòzhě tā ài wǒ, 他生我并不是因为他要养老或者他爱我,

He didn't have me because he wanted someone to care for him in his old age or because he loved me.

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tā shì yào wèi shèhuì qù chéngdān zérèn, dàgài zhèyàng ba 他是要为社会去承担责任,大概这样吧 He did it to satisfy a social responsibility—something like that.

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Nǐ juéde wǒmen zhè yī bèi de fùmǔ 你觉得我们这一辈的父母 Do you think our parents' generation

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shìbùshì dōu bù tài dǒngde zěnmeyàng zuò fùmǔ? 是不是都不太懂得怎么样做父母? didn't know how to be parents?

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Wǒ juéde kěnéng shì yīnwèi quēshǎo le yīxiē ài de jiàoyù 我觉得可能是因为缺少了一些爱的教育 I think it's because they missed out on getting educated (or experiencing) love.

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Zhè jiù tídào wǒ yéye, wǒ yéye shì yī gè fēicháng míngbai de lǎorén 这就提到我爷爷,我爷爷是一个非常明白的老人 This reminds me of my grandpa. He is a very clear-minded old man.

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Tā nǎozi hěn qīngchu, dàn tā píqi yě fēicháng de dà 他脑子很清楚,但他脾气也非常地大 He is sharp in his thinking, but he also had a bad temper.

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Wǒ bà xiǎoshíhou shì bèi tā dǎ dà de 我爸小时候是被他打大的 My dad grew up being beaten by him.

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Yǒu yī tiān wǒ yéye tūrán gēn wǒ liáo le yīcì tiān 有一天我爷爷突然跟我聊了一次天 One day my grandpa suddenly had a talk with me.

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Tā wèn nǐ bàba dǎ bù dǎ nǐ? 他问你爸爸打不打你?

He asked: "Does your dad hit you?"

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Wǒ shuō tā bù dǎ wǒ 我说他不打我 I said: "No."

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Tā wèn wǒ, nà nǐ bàba dǎ bù dǎ nǐ māma? 他问我,那你爸爸打不打你妈妈? He then asked: "Does your dad hit your mom?"

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Wǒ shuō tā yě bù dǎ wǒ māma 我说他也不打我妈妈 I said: "Also no."

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Tā shuō nà nǐmen jiā 他说那你们家 Then he said, "So your family...

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jiùshì wǒmen jiāzú xiànzài yǐjīng jìnbù le 就是我们家族现在已经进步了 Our family has progressed.

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Tā shuō wǒ dāngshí dǎ nǐ nǎinai, yě dǎ nǐ bàba 他说我当时打你奶奶,也打你爸爸 I used to hit your grandma and your dad,

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dànshì wǒ yìshi dào zhège bùduì 但是我意识到这个不对 but I realize now that I was wrong.

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Nà nǐ bàba bù dǎ nǐ, bù dǎ nǐ māma 那你爸爸不打你,不打你妈妈 Your dad doesn't hit you or your mom,

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jiùshì nǐ bàba xiànzài yǐjīng jìnbù le

就是你爸爸现在已经进步了 so he's already making progress.

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dànshì tā yǒushíhou píqi bùhǎo. 但是他有时候脾气不好。 However, he still loses his temper sometimes.

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Dào nǐmen zhè yīdài wǒ xīwàng kěyǐ gèng hǎo yīdiǎn. 到你们这一代我希望可以更好一点。 So I hope your generation will be even better."

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Wǒ juéde xiàng yī gè zhèzhǒng bā jiǔshí suì de lǎorén 我觉得像一个这种八九十岁的老人 I think that for someone in their eighties or nineties

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zài zhège shídài jìnbù de guòchéng zhōng, tā dōu yǒu hěn duō de fǎnsī 在这个时代进步的过程中,他都有很多的反思 to reflect so deeply while the world keeps changing, (is amazing).

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Suǒyǐ nàge niándài yěxǔ shì zhēnde jiùshì 所以那个年代也许是真的就是 Back then,

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jīngshénwénmíng kěnéng jiùshì yǒuyīdiǎn huāngmò de gǎnjué 精神文明可能就是有一点荒漠的感觉 the spiritual landscape must have felt like a desert,

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suǒyǐ mànmàn mànmàn de dàjiā shòudào zīyǎng 所以慢慢慢地大家受到滋养 and only slowly have people evolved.

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shìjiè bùshì yīchéngbùbiàn de ma 世界不是一成不变的嘛 After all, the world isn't fixed.

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Jiùshì nǐ bàba nà yàngzi duì nǐ, nǐ huì hèn tā ma? 就是你爸爸那样子对你,你会恨他吗? When your dad was treating you like that, did you hate him?

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Huì ma, jiùshì... 会嘛,就是... Yeah... of course.

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Dāngrán xiǎopéngyǒu yībān bùhuì gōngjī zìjǐ de... 当然小朋友一般不会攻击自己的... But kids usually don't attack their own...

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Qítā de rén huòzhě zěnmeyàng, jiùshì xiàng nèi gōngjī 其他的人或者怎么样,就是向内攻击 They usually don't attack other people, instead they turn inward.

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Zhōngguórén dōu yǒu nàge nézhā qíngjié, jiùshì zìshā ma 中国人都有那个哪吒情结,就是自杀嘛 Chinese all know the Nezha story, the one in which Nezha killed himself.

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suǒyǐ kěnéng zìshā zhège kètí zài wǒ shíyī èr suì de shíhou 所以可能自杀这个课题在我十一二岁的时候 So for me, the idea of suicide started

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jiù yǐjīng kāishǐ zuò le 就已经开始做了 when I was eleven or twelve.

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Dāngshí jiùshì yǒu xiǎng guo yòng shénme fāngfǎ ma? 当时就是有想过用什么方法吗? What (suicidal) methods did you think about using?

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Bǐjiào jiǎndān de gē wàn a tiàolóu a 比较简单的割腕啊跳楼啊 The simpler apper outting my wrist, or iumpin

The simpler ones: cutting my wrist, or jumping off a building.

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Qíshí yě sōují le hěn duō jiùshì zěnme sǐ bù tòngkǔ 其实也搜集了很多就是怎么死不痛苦 I even did research on how to die without pain.

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Háiyǒu wǒ jìde yǒuyīcì jiùshì miànduì zhe jìngzi, 还有我记得有一次就是面对着镜子, I remember once I stood in front of a mirror.

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ránhòu jiù xiǎng wǒ néng bùnéng bǎ wǒ zìjǐ qiāsǐ 然后就想我能不能把我自己掐死 wondering if I could strangle myself.

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yīnwèi dāngshí yǐjīng xué le shēngwù, 因为当时已经学了生物, By then, we had started biology class,

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ránhòu jiùshì zhège xuèguǎn zhīdào èn zhù dòngmài dehuà 然后就是这个血管知道摁住动脉的话 so I knew that pressing the carotid arteries

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nǎozi huì quēyǎng ma. 脑子会缺氧嘛 would starve the brain of oxygen.

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Ránhòu jiù yīzhí qiā zhe zìjǐ 然后就一直掐着自己 I tried to strangle myself

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qíshí qiā dào zuìhòu quèshí shì mǎshàng jiùyào jué guòqu 其实掐到最后确实是马上就要厥过去 and in the end, I almost blacked out.

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Zhěnggè liǎn jiù biànchéng nàzhǒng zhū gān sè, hěn kǒngbù 整个脸就变成那种猪肝色,很恐怖 My face turned liver-red. It was terrifying!

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ránhòu wǒ tūrán kàn jìngzi, wǒ bǎ wǒ zìjǐ xià le yī tiào 然后我突然看镜子,我把我自己吓了一跳 When I suddenly saw myself in the mirror, I was startled.

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Suǒyǐ háishi hàipà de? 所以还是害怕的? So you were still afraid (of dying)?

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Háishi pà de, duì sǐwáng de kǒngjù háishi yǒu 还是怕的,对死亡的恐惧还是有 Yes, the fear of death was still in me.

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Háiyǒu jiùshì kěnéng zài xuéxiào lǐbian 还有就是可能在学校里边 Also, I suffered from

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yě shòudào le yīxiē xiàoyuán bàolì 也受到了一些校园暴力 school bullying.

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Qíshí xiǎoshíhou yě méiyǒu shénme péngyou 其实小时候也没有什么朋友 I didn't really have any friends back then,

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Wèishénme? Nǐ juéde 为什么? 你觉得 Why do you think that was?

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Wǒ bù zhīdào, zhèzhǒng gǎnshòu fēicháng tòngkǔ 我不知道,这种感受非常痛苦 I don't know, but it was a painful experience.

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Ránhòu wǒ jiù wèn wǒ mā 然后我就问我妈

I asked my mom about it

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wǒ mā gèi le wǒ yī gè hěn hǎo de dá'àn, 我妈给了我一个很好的答案, and she gave me a good answer:

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tā shuō yīnwèi nǐ bǐ biéren dōu zhǎngde zǎo yīxiē, 她说因为你比别人都长得早一些, "You developed earlier

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nǐ bǐ biéren chéngshú de zǎo yīxiē 你比别人成熟地早一些 than others,"

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Nèixīn chéngshú? 内心成熟? More mature?

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Duì, suǒyǐ nǐ xiànzài qíshí shì yī gè dàren zài xiǎohái duī lǐ, 对,所以你现在其实是一个大人在小孩堆里, Yes. "so, right now you're basically an adult stuck among children,

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xiǎohái dōu bù xǐhuan dàren. 小孩都不喜欢大人。 and kids don't like adults."

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Nǐ shuō xiàoyuán bàolì, jiù dāngshí yǒurén duì nǐ shībào guo ma? 你说校园暴力,就当时有人对你施暴过吗? You mentioned school bullying—did anyone actually hurt you?

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Wǒ shàngxué shàng de bǐjiào zǎo... 我上学上得比较早... I started school early...

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Shēntǐ shang de háishi yányǔ shang de?

身体上的还是言语上的? Was the bullying physical or verbal?

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Bèi dǎ'ěrguāng ma 被打耳光嘛 I got slapped in the face.

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Á? | En

啊? | 嗯

Really? | Yes.

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Zhēnde yǒu a? | Duì 真的有啊? | 对 They actually did this? | Yes.

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Qíshí yī gè jítǐ... 其实一个集体...

Actually, in a group...

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Wǒ juéde jítǐ zhī è, yóuqíshì xiǎohái...

我觉得集体之恶, 尤其是小孩...

I think the cruelty of a group, especially groups of kids...

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Wǒ hòumian dāng le lǎoshī, 我后面当了老师, Later, when I became a teacher,

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wǒ jiù fāxiàn qíshí xiǎopéngyǒu de zhèzhǒng èyì shì fēicháng zhíjiē de. 我就发现其实小朋友的这种恶意是非常直接的。

I found how direct children's malice can be.

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Nǐ yě bù zhīdào wèishénme 你也不知道为什么 I don't know why,

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zài yī gè jítǐ zhōng zŏngshì yǒu yī gè 在一个集体中总是有一个 but every class seems to have

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zhèzhǒng bù tài shòuhuānyíng de háizi 这种不太受欢迎的孩子 one unpopular kid

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dàjiā hǎoxiàng yīnwèi zhège bù tài shòuhuānyíng de háizi 大家好像因为这个不太受欢迎的孩子 and the rest will bond as a group

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ér níngjù chéng yī gè jítǐ. 而凝聚成一个集体。 to gang up on that kid.

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Dāngshí wǒ kěnéng jiù bǐjiào dǎoméi, jiùshì zhège háizi 当时我可能就比较倒霉,就是这个孩子 Unfortunately, (when I was young) I was that unpopular kid.

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Wǒ yě kěyǐ lǐjiě, yīnwèi wǒ niánjì yòu xiǎo 我也可以理解,因为我年纪又小 Actually, I understand why now. I was younger,

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érqiě wǒ... qíshí suīrán shuō gūdú ba, 而且我... 其实虽然说孤独吧, and although I was lonely,

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dànshì wǒ zhēnde hěn ài jiǎnghuà 但是我真的很爱讲话 I really loved to talk.

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huòcóngkǒuchū ma, wǒ juéde kěnéng zhīqián bù tǎorénxǐhuan 祸从口出嘛,我觉得可能之前不讨人喜欢 The tongue is the enemy of the neck, right? So I think the reason I used to be so unpopular

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yě gēn wǒ shízài tài ài jiǎnghuà le yǒu guānxi. 也跟我实在太爱讲话了有关系。 was partly because I talked too much.

147

Suǒyǐ yīdù tèbié tǎoyàn zìjǐ biǎodá, 所以一度特别讨厌自己表达, For a long time, I really hated myself for talking so much

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jiùshì xīwàng yǒu yī gè shénme zhēn huòzhě shì yī gè... 就是希望有一个什么针或者是一个... and I wished there was some kind of needle or a...

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Féng qilai shì ma? | Duì duì duì 缝起来是吗? | 对对对 To sew your mouth shut? | Exactly!

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Wǎnshang de shíhou, yǒushíhou jiùshì yībiàn yībiàn bìshang yǎnjing 晚上的时候,有时候就是一遍一遍闭上眼睛 At night I'd close my eyes over and over

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jiù xiǎngxiàng yǒu yī gēn zhēn bǎ zuǐba féng qilai 就想象有一根针把嘴巴缝起来 and picture a needle stitching my lips together.

152

Nàshíhou zhēnde hěn tòngkǔ de 那时候真的很痛苦的 That was a really painful time for me.

153

Dāngshí jiùshì bèi dǎ de shíhou, nǐ yǒu huánshǒu ma? 当时就是被打的时候,你有还手吗? When they hit you, did you ever fight back?

154

Méiyǒu huánshǒu, qíshí dāngshí jiùshì zhěng gè rén jiāngzhù le 没有还手,其实当时就是整个人僵住了

No, I would just freeze.

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Nàge shíhou jiùshì xiǎng āiyā, 那个时候就是想哎呀, All I could think was:

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juéduì bùnéng shuāidǎo, shuāidǎo tài diūliǎn le 绝对不能摔倒,摔倒太丢脸了 "Don't fall! Falling would be too humiliating."

157

Ránhòu shì bèi jǐ zài nàge bān mén de hòumén, 然后是被挤在那个班门的后门, (Once), I was pushed against the back door of the classroom,

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ránhòu jiù zhuā zhe bèihòu de nàge liànzi 然后就抓着背后的那个链子 and I grabbed onto the door's chain with both hands...

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nà dǎ wǒ de shíhou jiù dǎ bei 那打我的时候就打呗 and just let them beat me.

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dànshì wǒ yě bùnéng... Zhǐyào wǒ bù shuāidǎo jiù xíng le 但是我也不能...只要我不摔倒就行了 (I thought) as long as I didn't fall, I was doing okay.

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Lǎoshī bùguǎn? 老师不管? Didn't the teachers step in?

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Lǎoshī yě guǎn bùliǎo nàme duō 老师也管不了那么多 The teachers couldn't watch everyone all the time.

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yǐjīng bùxiǎng xúnqiú zhèzhǒng quánlì de jièrù le

已经不想寻求这种权力的介入了

By then, I didn't want to tell the people in authority anymore

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yīnwèi zài áidǎ de shíhou qíshí yǐjīng gēn xuéxiào jiǎng guo, 因为在挨打的时候其实已经跟学校讲过, because after the (initial) beatings, I did tell the school,

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ránhòu lǎoshī chǔlǐ guo, 然后老师处理过, and the teachers tried to handle it,

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dànshì zhège méiyǒu shénme tài duō de zuòyòng 但是这个没有什么太多的作用 but it didn't help much.

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Wǒ gēge kěnéng yě xiǎng yǐbàozhìbào 我哥哥可能也想以暴制暴 My brother thought about getting revenge by using violence.

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Nǐ qīn gēge ma? 你亲哥哥吗? Your real brother?

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Bùshì qīn gēge, jiùshì tánggē 不是亲哥哥,就是堂哥 No, a cousin on my dad's side.

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Tā kěnéng xiǎng yǐbàozhìbào, 他可能想以暴制暴, He wanted to intimidate those kids

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ránhòu jiù zhǎo nàzhǒng shèhuì shang de rén lái xiàhu zhèxiē rén 然后就找那种社会上的人来吓唬这些人 by using some guys from outside our school,

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dànshì ne xuéxiào de lǎoshī xiān zhǎodào wǒ shuō 但是呢学校的老师先找到我说 but a teacher pulled me aside and said:

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nǐ bùyào qù bàofù 你不要去报复 "Don't retaliate.

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bùyào bǎ zhège shìqing gǎo fùzá 不要把这个事情搞复杂 Don't make this more complicated!"

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Zuìhòu wǒ yě juéde āiyā, suànle 最后我也觉得哎呀,算了 In the end I thought: "Forget it.

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wǒ yě bùshì yī gè hěn yǒunénglì de rén 我也不是一个很有能力的人 I am not powerful myself anyway.

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zhè cì bàochóu le yòu zěnmeyàng? 这次报仇了又怎么样? Even if I got revenge,

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Yòu méiyǒu rén tiāntiān bǎohù zhe wǒ 又没有人天天保护着我 who would protect me afterwards?"

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Zhège xiàoyuán bàolì tā gēnsuí le nǐ duōjiǔ? 这个校园暴力它跟随了你多久? How long did the school bullying last?

180

Yě méiyǒu gēnsuí duōjiǔ ba, yīnwèi wǒ yě yīzhí zhuǎnxué 也没有跟随多久吧,因为我也一直转学 Not for long, because I kept changing schools.

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Shàngxué shàng de zǎo, niánjì fēicháng xiǎo, yīzhí zài tiàojí 上学上得早,年纪非常小,一直在跳级

I started school early and skipped grades, so I was always the youngest (in the class).

182

Gāozhōng de shíhou yòu bèi sòng dào nàzhŏng shěng zhòngdiǎn, 高中的时候又被送到那种省重点, In senior high school, I was sent to a top provincial school,

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ránhòu jiù bù tài shìyìng 然后就不太适应 and I couldn't fit in.

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Zài shěng zhòngdiǎn lǐbian fǎnzhèng yě bù tài tǎorénxǐhuan 在省重点里边反正也不太讨人喜欢 There, too, I was unpopular.

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Lǎoshī yě bù xǐhuan, yīnwèi yī gè xiànchéng de xiǎohái 老师也不喜欢,因为一个县城的小孩 The teachers also didn't like me because I came from a small town.

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dào le zhèzhǒng chéngshì lǐmiàn zhòngdiǎn gāozhōng 到了这种城市里面重点高中 The school was in the city and was for students

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jiùshì fēifùjíguì, yàobù jiùshì chéngjì tèbié hǎo de, 就是非富即贵,要不就是成绩特别好的, who were either rich and well-connected, or top of the class,

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wǒ nǎ yīzhǒng dōu bùshì 我哪一种都不是 and I was none of these.

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Ránhòu wǒ jiù bùxiǎng jìxù dúshū le 然后我就不想继续读书了 As a result, I didn't want to stay in that school anymore.

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Nàshíhou yǒu yī gè huàshì de lǎoshī jiù gēn wǒ bàba jiǎng, 那时候有一个画室的老师就跟我爸爸讲,

At that time, a teacher in the art studio (I was attending) told my dad:

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wǒ de chéngjì hěn hǎo, rúguǒ xué měishù kěyǐ kǎo qīnghuá 我的成绩很好,如果学美术可以考清华

"Her grades are so good. If she studies art, she could get into Tsinghua."

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Wǒ tūrán xiǎng zhe, yàobù wǒ táo le ba 我突然想着,要不我逃了吧

Then I thought, (if this was true), I would be able to escape (the predicament I was in at the time).

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ránhòu wǒ jiù chéng le yī gè měishù shēng.

然后我就成了一个美术生。

Afterwards, I became a fine art student.

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Hòumian dào dàxué zhīhòu jiùshì yìyùzhèng wánquán hǎo le háishi shuō... 后面到大学之后就是抑郁症完全好了还是说...

After you got into university, was the depression completely gone, or...

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Méiyǒu, tā qíshí gèng yánzhòng le 没有,它其实更严重了 No, it actually got worse.

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Wèishénme ne? 为什么呢? Why?

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Jiùshì shàng dàxué kāishǐ tánliàn'ài ya 就是上大学开始谈恋爱呀 I started dating in college

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ránhòu zhège liàn'ài dǎozhì wǒ jiùshì dìyīcì

然后这个恋爱导致我就是第一次 and the relationship I had at the time triggered

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kěnéng lèisì yú yìyù bàofā de zhèzhǒng zhuàngkuàng 可能类似于抑郁爆发的这种状况 what felt like my first real depression.

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Ránhòu nàge nánde ba tā yǒu lǎopó, yǒu háizi 然后那个男的吧他有老婆,有孩子 That guy had a wife and a child.

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Dàn nǐ bù zhīdào? 但你不知道? But you didn't know?

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Wǒ zhīdào, tā gēn tā lǎopó lí le hūn zhīhòu 我知道,他跟他老婆离了婚之后 I was aware of it. After he divorced his wife,

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bǎ líhūn zhèng fā jìn le wǒmen jiùshì yīqǐ wán de nàge qún lǐmiàn 把离婚证发进了我们就是一起玩的那个群里面 he posted the divorce certificate in the group chat we all used.

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Wǒ juéde dāngshí jiùshì zěnme jiǎng, rútóng érxì 我觉得当时就是怎么讲,如同儿戏 At the time the whole thing felt... how should I put it... it felt like a joke.

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wǒ bìngbù zhīdào hūnyīn shì shénme, 我并不知道婚姻是什么, I had no idea what marriage was.

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suǒyǐ nàge nánpéngyou tā bùshì zài xuéxiào de tóngxué? 所以那个男朋友他不是在学校的同学? So, this boyfriend wasn't a student at your school?

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Bùshì

不是

No.

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Wǒ hái jìde dāngshí 我还记得当时 I remember that at that time

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Jiùshì wǒ gēn tā nǚ'ér zàiyīqǐ zhù, háiyǒu tā 就是我跟他女儿在一起住,还有他 I was still living with him and his daughter

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ránhòu tā qiánqī shàngmén lái le 然后他前妻上门来了 and his ex-wife came to our house

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dài zhe tā qiánqī de jiějie ba 带着他前妻的姐姐吧 along with her older sister.

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ránhòu jìnlái jiù pāi, pāi wǒ 然后进来就拍,拍我 She came straight in and started taking photos of me.

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Ránhòu ne tā jiùshì yīgèjìn zài mà, 然后呢她就是一个劲在骂, Then she started cursing me

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hòumian tā nàge jiějie yě jiārù le mà, ránhòu mà zhège nánde 后面她那个姐姐也加入了骂,然后骂这个男的 and soon, her older sister joined in and also started cursing the guy.

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ránhòu zhídào mà dào zhège nánrén de jiārén, 然后直到骂到这个男人的家人, When they started cursing his entire family,

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ránhòu zhège nánrén jiù tūrán chōngjìn chúfáng ná le yī bǎ dāo chūlai. 然后这个男人就突然冲进厨房拿了一把刀出来。 he suddenly dashed into the kitchen and came out holding a knife.

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Wǒ dāngshí wǒ xià měng le 我当时我吓懵了 I was in a state of shock

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nàge xiǎo nǚhái hái zài nàge pángbiān ma 那个小女孩还在那个旁边嘛 because his little girl was also there.

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Ránhòu tā ná zhe dāo chūlai de shíhou 然后他拿着刀出来的时候 When he came out with a knife,

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wǒ dìyī fǎnyìng, 我第一反应, my first reaction,

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jiù yīnwèi dāngshí tā zhège qiánqī de jiějie mà de tài nántīng le, 就因为当时他这个前妻的姐姐骂得太难听了, because the sister's insults had become really harsh,

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wǒ jiù chōng shàngqu, wǒ jiù bào zhù tā qiánqī de jiějie 我就冲上去,我就抱住他前妻的姐姐 was to rush to the sister, embrace her

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wǒ jiù jǐnjǐn bào zhe tā, wǒ zài ěr biān shuō 我就紧紧抱着她,我在耳边说 and whispered:

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wǒ shuō jiějie nǐ bùyào shuō le, 我说姐姐你不要说了, "Sister, please stop talking!

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rén chōngdòng de shíhou zhēnde huì shārén de, nǐ bùyào shuō le 人冲动的时候真的会杀人的,你不要说了

When people lose control, they really can kill. Don't say another word."

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ránhòu wǒ jiù niǔtóu duì tā shuō, wǒ shuō nǐ yào kǎn nǐ jiù kǎn wǒ ba 然后我就扭头对他说,我说你要砍你就砍我吧

Then I turned to the man and said: "If you want to kill someone, kill me!"

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kěnéng jiùshì zhège xíngwéi ba zhènzhù le 可能就是这个行为吧镇住了 Maybe my gesture stunned the two women.

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ránhòu tā liǎ fǎnzhèng zhīhòu jiù yě méi... 然后她俩反正之后就也没...

They later didn't really...

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Jiùshì mànmàn mànmàn de jiù píngxī le, jiù zǒudiào le 就是慢慢慢地就平息了,就走掉了 The conflict calmed down eventually and (after a while) they just left.

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Zǒudiào zhīhòu wǒ juéde zhège gǎnqíng shì bùnéng yào de 走掉之后我觉得这个感情是不能要的 After they left, I knew that our relationship had to end.

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Dànshì ne rén dōu yǒu qínggǎn ma, 但是呢人都有情感嘛, But humans have feelings,

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bìjìng yě tán le zhème cháng de shíjiān. 毕竟也谈了这么长的时间。 after all, we'd been together a long time.

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Duōjiŭ?

多久?

How long?

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Zuìzhōng fēnshǒu de shíhou yǒu kuài liǎng nián ba 最终分手的时候有快两年吧 By the time we finally broke up it had been almost two years.

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Jiùshì dāng jìnrù le zhège xuánwō 就是当进入了这个漩涡 Once I fell into that situation,

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wǒ juéde wǒ hǎoxiàng méiyǒu shénme tài duō de nénglì pá chūlai 我觉得我好像没有什么太多的能力爬出来 I had very little power to get out of it.

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ránhòu xiǎngyào fēnshǒu, dànshì yòu méiyǒu lǐyóu 然后想要分手,但是又没有理由 I wanted to break up but I didn't know how.

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Wǒ juéde kěnéng jiùshì bèi guī xùn de tài hǎo le 我觉得可能就是被规训得太好了 I think maybe I was too traditional in my thinking

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cóngxiǎo dào dà jiù juéde tánliàn'ài yào duì biéren 从小到大就觉得谈恋爱要对别人 because from a young age, I was taught

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fùzérèn, ránhòu zěnmeyàng 负责任,然后怎么样 to be responsible in a relationship

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biéren fùchū le zhēnxīn, zìjǐ náchū shí'èrfēn zhēnxīn duì biéren 别人付出了真心,自己拿出十二分真心对别人 and that if someone gives you their love, you should return it in full.

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Dànshì méiyǒu xué zěnyàng bǎohù zìjǐ.

但是没有学怎样保护自己。

But I never learned to protect myself.

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Hòumian jiù jīnglì le zhège zhīhòu, nèixīn hěn kǒnghuāng 后面就经历了这个之后,内心很恐慌 After that experience, I was in a state of panic.

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ránhòu zhège shíhou kāishǐ dòng bùliǎo, jiùshì zài wǒ péngyou jiā lǐbiān. 然后这个时候开始动不了,就是在我朋友家里边。

From then on, I couldn't function and I ended up moving in with a friend.

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Zhídào dào tā jiā, wǒ kāishǐ chī bù fàn shuì bùliǎo jiào 直到到她家,我开始吃不饭睡不了觉 After I moved into my friend's home, I didn't feel like eating anymore and I couldn't sleep.

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ránhòu jiùshì měitiān jiùshì dāi zhe, 然后就是每天就是待着, Every day I just stayed there,

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nàge shíhou shì yīzhǒng dāizhì de zhuàngtài 那个时候是一种呆滞的状态 in a dazed state.

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Nàshíhou hái méiyǒu zhèngshì fēnshǒu? 那时候还没有正式分手? You hadn't officially broken up with that guy yet?

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Fēnshǒu le 分手了 I had.

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Wǒ dāngshí gēn tā shuō, wǒ shuō rén zhǐnéng yǒu yī gè jiā 我当时跟他说,我说人只能有一个家 I told him at the time that a person can only have one home.

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nǐ nàbian méiyǒu jiějué hǎo dehuà,

你那边没有解决好的话,

"If you haven't settled your issues with your (ex-wife),

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nǐ yào chéngdān nǐ de zérèn

你要承担你的责任

then you need to take on the responsibility (of doing it)."

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Wǒ shuō nǐ jiù zuò yī gè juédìng jiù hǎo,

我说你就做一个决定就好,

I told him to just make a decision,

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ránhòu tā juédìng háishi huíqu chéngdān zérèn

然后他决定还是回去承担责任

and he decided to go back to (his ex-wife) and take responsibility.

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Wǒ juéde hǎo, nà wǒ juéde nǐ hěn bàng

我觉得好, 那我觉得你很棒

I said: "Okay, I think you're great."

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ránhòu dāng tā xià le zhège juédìng, wǒ zhīdào tā kěndìng huì zhǎo wǒ

然后当他下了这个决定, 我知道他肯定会找我

After he made that decision, I knew he would definitely contact me later.

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ránhòu wǒ jiù lìmă jiù bānjiā le.

然后我就立马就搬家了。

So I moved out (from his home) immediately.

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Wǒ jiù xiān bān huí gǐnshì, ránhòu yìngjī le yī duàn shíjiān zhīhòu

我就先搬回寝室, 然后应激了一段时间之后

I first moved back to the dorm, and after a period of being in an anxious state,

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wǒ yòu bān dào le wǒ péngyou jiā lǐmiàn

我又搬到了我朋友家里面

I moved into my friend's home.

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Nà nánde dāngshí jiùshì yīzhí zài zhǎo wǒ 那男的当时就是一直在找我 The guy was still looking for me at that time.

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ránhòu yǒu yī tiān wǒ péngyou yào hǎn wǒ chūqù páshān de shíhou 然后有一天我朋友要喊我出去爬山的时候
One day, my friend wanted to take me out for a hike

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wǒ dìyīcì gǔqǐyǒngqì zǒuchū zhège fángmén 我第一次鼓起勇气走出这个房门 and that was the first time I mustered up the courage to walk out the door.

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jiéguǒ chūqù le zhīhòu, bànlù jiù juéde bùduì, 结果出去了之后,半路就觉得不对, But halfway to the hike, I felt something wasn't right.

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wǒ xiǎng zhe bùshì zhège rén yào zhǎo wǒ ba 我想着不是这个人要找我吧 I thought, "Maybe this guy will come looking for me."

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Jiéguǒ hái méiyǒu dào nàr de shíhou, wǒ jiù hěn kǒnghuāng 结果还没有到那儿的时候,我就很恐慌 As a result, I started to panic even before we got (to the hike).

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ránhòu tā shuō nà nǐ yào pà dehuà, nǐ jiù huíqu ba 然后她说那你要怕的话,你就回去吧 My friend said, "If you're scared, you can go back alone."

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ránhòu wǒ jiù yòu huíqu le 然后我就又回去了 So I went back.

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Huíqu zhīhòu, tā dào le nàge páshān de dìfang 回去之后,她到了那个爬山的地方

When she arrived at the hiking place,

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tā shuō guǒrán tā zài 她说果然他在 she (messaged) me, "Sure enough, he is here."

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shì qítā de péngyou yuē de tā 是其他的朋友约的他 It was because other friends had invited him.

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suǒyǐ nàzhǒng yìngjī qíshí chíxù le mán jiǔ 所以那种应激其实持续了蛮久 So, that kind of anxiety actually lasted for a long time.

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Zhídào wǒ gēn wǒ lǎogong, xiànzài de lǎogong zàiyīqǐ zhīhòu 直到我跟我老公,现在的老公在一起之后 Even when I got together with my present husband,

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zhège nánde shènzhì kànjiàn wǒ le 这个男的甚至看见我了 whenever this guy saw me,

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tā háishi nàzhǒng jiùshì yào zhuīzhú de nàzhǒng... 他还是那种就是要追逐的那种... he would still go after me

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ràng wǒ juéde wǒ zhēnde shì yī gè lièwù 让我觉得我真的是一个猎物 as if I was his prey.

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Wǒ juéde hěn duō nánxìng de zhèzhǒng sīxiǎng, 我觉得很多男性的这种思想, Some men's thinking...

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zhēnde nǎozi lǐmiàn dōu bù zhīdào zhuāng de shì shénme

真的脑子里面都不知道装的是什么 I really don't know what's in their heads!

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Dì'èrcì yìyù bàofā shènzhì méiyǒu yuányīn 第二次抑郁爆发甚至没有原因 The second depression I went through didn't even have a trigger.

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Dì'èrcì jiùshì gēn wǒ lǎogong zàiyīqǐ zhīhòu le 第二次就是跟我老公在一起之后了 It happened after I was already with my present husband

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Wǒ zài diànshìtái... Dāngshí zài diànshìtái gōngzuò, yě tǐnghǎo de dānwèi 我在电视台... 当时在电视台工作,也挺好的单位 and at that time I was working at a TV station—a very nice job.

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Zài gēshǒu èr líng yī qī shíxí 在歌手二零一七实习 I was interning on a show called "Singer 2017,"

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ránhòu měitiān jiàn hěn duō dà míngxīng a 然后每天见很多大明星啊 and I got to meet big celebrities every day.

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dànshì wǒ de gǎnshòu jiùshì wǒ yīdàn chū le nàge fángjiān mén, 但是我的感受就是我一旦出了那个房间门, But my personal experience was that the moment I stepped out of my home,

284

wǒ jiù jìnrù dào le yīzhǒng rènzhēn de gōngzuò zhuàngtài 我就进入到了一种认真的工作状态 I had to switched into a hard-working mode,

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ránhòu měitiān chōu dàliàng de yān 然后每天抽大量的烟 and every day, I smoked a lot.

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Dào le gōngzuòdānwèi, jiùshì nàge tái lǐmiàn 到了工作单位,就是那个台里面 Once I arrived at the office,

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nà shì yī piàn huāngwú de dìfang 那是一片荒芜的地方 which was located in a barren space,

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jiùshì zhēnde jiùshì méiyǒu yī kē shù, 就是真的就是没有一棵树, with no trees at all...

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nà zhěnggè lóu lǐbian jiù zhǐyǒu yī gè xiǎo tiānjǐng, yǒuyīdiǎn yángguāng 那整个楼里边就只有一个小天井,有一点阳光 Just one tiny courtyard in the whole complex with just a sliver of sunlight.

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wǒmen tiāntiān dōu zài dìxià. 我们天天都在地下。 We spent every day underground.

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Jiù wǒ juéde gēn quēshǎo guāngzhào yě yǒu hěn dà de guānxi. 就我觉得跟缺少光照也有很大的关系。 I really think the lack of sunshine had a lot to do with (my depression).

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Wǒ jiù juéde wǒ dào le nàr zhīhòu 我就觉得我到了那儿之后 I felt that from the moment I got there,

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wǒ de línghún hǎoxiàng zài zhège wèizhi, jiù zài zhèr 我的灵魂好像在这个位置,就在这儿 my soul was hovering right here.

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Chū qiào le 出窍了 Detached from your body?

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Duì, wǒ juéde wǒ zài piāo zhe, jiǎobùzhāndì de 对,我觉得我在飘着,脚不沾地的 Yes, like I was drifting, with feet never touching the ground.

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ránhòu rén yǒudiǎn huǎnghū, rén yǒudiǎn dāi 然后人有点恍惚,人有点呆 I felt dazed, and not at all there.

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Nà nǐ dāngshí de gōngzuò yǒu gěi nǐ dàilái chéngjiùgǎn ma? 那你当时的工作有给你带来成就感吗? Did that job give you any sense of fulfillment?

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Rén yǐjīng dào nàzhǒng zhuàngtài de shíhou 人已经到那种状态的时候 At that time, being in the state I was in,

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qíshí méiyǒu shénme shìr néng gěi rén dàilái mǎnzúgǎn, 其实没有什么事儿能给人带来满足感, nothing could give me any real satisfaction

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yīnwèi méiyǒu yùwàng. 因为没有欲望。 because I had no desire for anything.

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Nàshíhou wǒ hái shàng le diànshì, érqiě hái shàng le rèsōu 那时候我还上了电视,而且还上了热搜 Back then I even appeared on TV and this incident was trending on the Internet.

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jiùshì gèzhǒng tóutiáo a shénme zhèzhǒng xīnwénméitǐ a 就是各种头条啊什么这种新闻媒体啊 I was in the headlines, all over entertainment news.

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nàzhǒng yíngxiāo hào a, jiùshì dàochù yǒu wǒ de zhàopiàn 那种营销号啊,就是到处有我的照片 Every marketing account was running photos that had me in them.

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Jiùshì dāngshí ne Dímǎxī qīn le Yuán Yàwéi yīkǒu 就是当时呢迪玛希亲了袁娅维一口 It happened when Dimash kissed Tia Ray on the show

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ránhòu zhège jìngtóu bèi jiǎn dào zhège zhèng piān lǐmiàn 然后这个镜头被剪到这个正片里面 and the shot made the final cut

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érqiě zhè jìngtóu hěn cháng 而且这镜头很长 which stayed on-screen for a long time.

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Dāngshí wǒ chuān zhe yīshēn bái yīfu, 当时我穿着一身白衣服, I was wearing all white at that time

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wǒ bù zhīdào bùnéng chuān bái yīfu, dāngshí shì dìyī qī 我不知道不能穿白衣服,当时是第一期 because I didn't know white clothes weren't allowed. It was the first episode

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wǒ zuòwéi huàmiàn de gāoguāng zhàn zài tāmen hòubian, yǎnshén piāohū 我作为画面的高光站在他们后边,眼神飘忽 and I stuck out in the photo, hovering behind them with a vacant stare.

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Dàjiā shuō wǒ zhǎngde xiàng Zhōu Bǐchàng | Shì yǒudiǎnr 大家说我长得像周笔畅 | 是有点儿 People said I looked like Bibi Zhou (a singer). | Yes, a little!

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Ránhòu wǒ jiù shàng le zhège gèzhǒng méitǐ a shénme 然后我就上了这个各种媒体啊什么 So, my photo was on many media outlets

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zhěnggè tái de rén dōu rènshi wǒ le 整个台的人都认识我了

and suddenly everyone in our TV station knew me.

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Dāngshí jiù juéde wǒ hǎo kǒnghuāng, hǎo kǒngjù 当时就觉得我好恐慌,好恐惧 At that time, I was panicking and terrified about it.

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Nǐ kǒnghuāng shì yīn wèishénme? Pà lǐngdǎo mà nǐ háishi? 你恐慌是因为什么?怕领导骂你还是? Why did you panic? Because you were afraid of being scolded by your boss?

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Bùshì, qíshí yīnwèi dàjiā dōu rènshi wǒ 不是,其实因为大家都认识我

No, (I panicked) because of the fact that now, everyone knew me.

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O, nǐ xiǎngyào chéngwéi yǐnxíng rén? 哦, 你想要成为隐形人? Ah, you wanted to be invisible?

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Duì, qíshí wǒ jiù xiǎng hǎohǎo de bǎ zhège shìr guòqù jiù hǎo le, 对,其实我就想好好地把这个事儿过去就好了, Exactly. I just wanted the whole thing to pass by peacefully

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yīnwèi wǒ hěn tòngkǔ. 因为我很痛苦。 because I was in (mental) agony.

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Wǒ rènwéi ba bùguǎn rén yìyù de yuányīn shì shénme 我认为吧不管人抑郁的原因是什么 I believe that no matter what triggers depression,

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zài yìyù de zhuàngtài zhīxià qíshí dōu bù shìhé jiēshòu guòduō de guānzhù. 在抑郁的状态之下其实都不适合接受过多的关注。 when you're in that state, you're not equipped to handle extra attention.

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Ránhòu jiùshì nàge shíhou yìyù gèngjiā de bàofā

然后就是那个时候抑郁更加地爆发 The depression got worse at that time

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jiùshì zhěngtiān jiùshì juéde hěn huāng. 就是整天就是觉得很慌。 and every day, I felt frantic.

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Dāngshí jiùshì yìyùzhèng fāzuò de shíhou 当时就是抑郁症发作的时候 When you fell into a depression,

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shì měitiān shì shāngxīn de ma? 是每天是伤心的吗? did you feel sad all the time?

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Méiyǒu qíngxù, dànshì huì kū 没有情绪,但是会哭 No particular emotion, but I would cry (for no reason).

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Nǐ yào zǐxì xiǎng, wǒ yě xiǎng bù qilai le 你要仔细想,我也想不起来了 I cannot recall the details now if you ask me to.

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Wǒ hòumian hái wèn guo wǒ lǎogong, 我后面还问过我老公, Later I even asked my husband about it

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yīnwèi wǒ bù zhīdào tā wèishénme néng 因为我不知道他为什么能 because I still don't know

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zhème píngjìng de jiēshòu wǒ zhège shìr 这么平静地接受我这个事儿 how he stayed so calm.

Wǒ hái wèn guo tā, tā shuō qíshí tā yě xiǎng bù tài qilai, 我还问过他,他说其实他也想不太起来, He said he couldn't really remember that period either

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yīnwèi nà duàn shíjiān... 因为那段时间... because during that period of time...

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Kěnéng tā yě tǐng tòngkǔ de? 可能他也挺痛苦的? Maybe it was hard on him too?

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Duì, tā yào bāng wǒ xǐzǎo, hái bāng wǒ jiǎn zhǐjia 对,他要帮我洗澡、还帮我剪指甲 Yes. He had to bathe me, cut my nails,

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bāng wǒ chuān yīfu, bǎ wǒ tuī chūmén, tā hái yào qù shàngkè 帮我穿衣服,把我推出门,他还要去上课 dress me, push me out the door, and still make it to his own classes.

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Tā dāngshí hái zài xuéxiào lǐ? | Tā bǐ wǒ dī yījí 他当时还在学校里? | 他比我低一级 He was still in school? | He was one year below me.

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Wǒ dāngshí dàsì, tā dàsān 我当时大四,他大三 I was a senior, and he was a junior.

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Dàxué bìyè zhīhòu yě yǒu guo fēicháng guāngxiān de gōngzuò 大学毕业之后也有过非常光鲜的工作 After graduation, I landed a very glamorous job—

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wǒ dāngshí shì zài yī gè gǎng qǐ gōngzuò, hěn guāngxiān 我当时是在一个港企工作,很光鲜 a job in a Hong Kong company (located in Hunan).

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Zuò shénme de dāngshí? | Marketing shìchǎng 做什么的当时? | Marketing 市场 What did you do? | Marketing.

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ránhòu zài shìchǎng bù de shíhou wǒmen jiābān hěn yánzhòng, 然后在市场部的时候我们加班很严重, In the marketing department we had brutal overtime work.

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érqiě zuò de shì dàduō wú yìyì 而且做的事大多无意义 and most of the tasks felt meaningless.

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jiùshì zài gān xiāohào jīnglì 就是在干消耗精力 They purely drained our energy.

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Yě ná zhe qián, jiābānfèi hěn gāo ma, érqiě hěn guāngxiān 也拿着钱,加班费很高嘛,而且很光鲜 But the pay was good and the job was glamorous.

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Nàge gōngzuò jiùshì shǔyú dāngshí zài diànshìtái de nàxiē 那个工作就是属于当时在电视台的那些 Even people who had ignored me

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bù tài lǐ wǒ de rén 不太理我的人 in my previous TV job

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dōu huì gěi wǒ fā xìnxī | Kāishǐ bājie nǐ le? 都会给我发信息 | 开始巴结你了? messaged me. | They started to flatter you?

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Nǐ xiànzài shìbùshì zài nàge dìfang gōngzuò? 你现在是不是在那个地方工作? (They would say): "Hey, are you really working there?

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Āi, zuìjìn zěnmeyàng a? 哎,最近怎么样啊? How have you been?"

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Jiùshì zhèzhǒng qīnrè de gǎnjué 就是这种亲热的感觉 They talked to me as if I was very close to them.

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Dànshì wǒ juéde nàge bùshì wǒ 但是我觉得那个不是我 But I didn't feel it was because of me.

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tā shì láizì yú wǒ de zhíwèi, 它是来自于我的职位, (The glamour) came with my job title.

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zhōuwéi de zhèxiē yě shì xūjiǎ de, 周围的这些也是虚假的, Everything around me felt phony

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wǒ xiǎng zhuīqiú yīzhǒng zhēnshí. 我想追求一种真实。 and I wanted to pursue something more real.

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Ránhòu wǒ jiù gēn wǒ lǎogong shāngliang le yīxià, 然后我就跟我老公商量了一下, So I had a conversation with my husband

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yàobù děng... jiù dāngshí zhènghǎo tā yě yào bìyè le 要不等... 就当时正好他也要毕业了 and I said when we... At that time, he was about to graduate

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Wǒ shuō nǐ yě bùyòng gōngzuò le, 我说你也不用工作了,

So I said, "Forget about looking for a job.

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wǒ jiàn guo gōngzuò shénmeyàng le, wǒ shuō gōngzuò méiyǒuyìyì.

我见过工作什么样了, 我说工作没有意义。

I already know how it feels to work—it's meaningless."

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Tā shuō nà nǐ juéde shénme dōngxi yǒuyìyì?

他说那你觉得什么东西有意义?

He asked me: "What do you think is meaningful then?"

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Women liăng gè jiù fēnxī

我们两个就分析

We then started to think about this question.

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wǒ juéde wǒmen yào zuò yī jiàn suízhe zhège shíjiān zēngzhǎng,

我觉得我们要做一件随着这个时间增长,

We felt that we needed to do work that gains value over time,

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jiùshì wŏmen niánjì yuèláiyuè dà,

就是我们年纪越来越大,

the kind where the older we get,

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wŏmen de shíjiān yuèláiyuè zhíqián de gōngzuò.

我们的时间越来越值钱的工作。

the more our time is worth (so we could work less and have more free time).

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Dāng lǎoshī kěndìng shì yī gè zhèyàng

当老师肯定是一个这样

(We thought) being a teacher fits that description.

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jīngyàn yuè fēngfù ma nǐ de shíjiān jiù yuè zhíqián.

经验越丰富嘛你的时间就越值钱。

The more experience you have, the more valuable your time becomes.

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Nà women liảng gè jiù qù kāi huàshì

那我们两个就去开画室

So, we decided to open an art school.

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Cóngxiǎo wǒmen jiùshì huàshì jiàoyù zhǎngdà de, 从小我们就是画室教育长大的, Since we'd both grown up attending art classes,

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kāi huàshì duì wǒmen láishuō yìrúfǎnzhǎng 开画室对我们来说易如反掌 running an art school felt very natural to us.

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Tā yě shì xué yìshù de? 他也是学艺术的? He studied art too?

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Duì, tā yě xué měishù de 对,他也学美术的 Yes, his major was also fine arts.

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ránhòu wǒmen shá yě méi xiǎng jiù kāi le huàshì 然后我们啥也没想就开了画室 Without further thinking, we opened an art school

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ránhòu jiù pèngdào le fēicháng hǎo de hézuòhuǒbàn, 然后就碰到了非常好的合作伙伴, and by luck, found an amazing partner

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yě shì zhēnde hěn ài wǒ, tèbié lǐjiě wǒ 也是真的很爱我,特别理解我 who truly cared and understood me.

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Wǒ gēn tā shuō wǒ de jīngshén bùshì hěn hǎo, 我跟她说我的精神不是很好, I told her, "My mental health is fragile

jiùshì wǒ bùnéng zuò nàzhǒng yālì hěn dà de gōngzuò. 就是我不能做那种压力很大的工作。 so I can't handle high pressure.

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Wǒ kěyǐ dài xiǎohái, dànshì wǒ jiù bùnéng zhāohu jiāzhǎng 我可以带小孩,但是我就不能招呼家长 If I teach kids, dealing with parents will be hard."

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Tā shuō nà hǎo, wǒ jiù bāng nǐ bǎ zhè jiāzhǎng quánbù dōu gěi gǎodìng 她说那好,我就帮你把这家长全部都给搞定 She said, "Fine, I will handle the parents."

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Wǒ shuō nà wǒ chúle dài xiǎohái yǐwài, 我说那我除了带小孩以外, I added: "Besides teaching kids,

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qítā nàxiē suǒshì wǒ dōu bùyào zuò, 其他那些琐事我都不要做, I don't want to do anything else

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yīnwèi zhèxiē suǒshì huì yǐngxiǎng dào wǒ. 因为这些琐事会影响到我。 because those little tasks might get to me

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Wǒ kěnéng yǒudeshíhòu wǒ jiù huì tuō de 我可能有的时候我就会拖得 and it would affect

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ràng wǒ zìjǐ juéde wǒ zhuàngtài yòu bù hǎo le. 让我自己觉得我状态又不好了。 my mental state.

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Ránhòu tā jiù shuō, nà zhèxiē suǒshì wǒ dōu lái zuò 然后她就说,那这些琐事我都来做 She said, "Then I'll take care of everything else."

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Dàn nǐ shì dāngshí dāng lǎoshī de? Jiāo huàhuà de? 但你是当时当老师的? 教画画的? But you were the teacher, right?

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En, wǒ lǎogong yě dāng lǎoshī 嗯, 我老公也当老师 Yes, and so was my husband.

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Jiù huàshì lǐ yǒu jǐ gè rén? | Sān gè rén 就画室里有几个人? | 三个人 How many people worked in that school? | Three.

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Jiù nǐmen sān ér? | Duì 就你们三儿? | 对 Just the three of you? | Yes.

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Xuésheng duō ma? 学生多吗? Were there many students?

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Zǒu de shíhou xuésheng fēicháng duō le, 走的时候学生非常多了, By the time I left, there were many.

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yī kāishǐ méiyǒu shénme xuésheng 一开始没有什么学生 But at the beginning, not so many.

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Wǒmen děngyú shuō shì bǎ zhège jīgòu zuòdào hěn dà le zhīhòu 我们等于说是把这个机构做到很大了之后 We basically grew the business into something huge and then

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jiù tūrán shuō bù zuò le 就突然说不做了 suddenly decided to leave it.

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Dàgài zuò le duōjiǔ? 大概做了多久?

How long did you run it?

393

Wǔ nián

五年

Five years.

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Zhè wǔ nián qījiān yīzhí dōu xuésheng bù duō háishi? 这五年期间一直都学生不多还是? During the five years, were student numbers low the whole time or...?

395

Jiùshì yī kāishǐ xuésheng bù duō, mànmàn dūn zhe dūn zhe 就是一开始学生不多,慢慢蹲着蹲着 No, the classes started small, but then snowballed into big classes,

396

jiù zài yìqíng qījiān fāzhǎn qilai de. 就在疫情期间发展起来的。 especially during the pandemic.

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Wŏmen liǎ ba jiàoxué... 我们俩吧教学... Our teaching...

398

Wǒ zhège zìkuā yīxià, quèshí jiāo de hǎo 我这个自夸一下,确实教得好 Let me brag a bit. We were genuinely good at teaching.

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Wǒ hěn dǒng xiǎopéngyǒu, suǒyǐ shuō jīběnshang lái zhèlǐ 我很懂小朋友,所以说基本上来这里 I was good with kids and so, almost every kid who came for a demo class

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zhǐyào xiǎopéngyǒu lái, tā yīdìng huì liúxià 只要小朋友来,他一定会留下

ended up signing.

401

Dāngshí zěnme yíngxiāo de? Jiù zěnme zhǎo xuésheng? 当时怎么营销的? 就怎么找学生? How did you market (yourself)? How did you find students?

402

Dōu bù yíngxiāo le 都不营销了 We stopped marketing altogether.

403

Tāmen zìjǐ lái, shì ba? 他们自己来,是吧? They just came on their own, right?

404

Duì, jiù zhíjiē jiù zàinàr bǎi... 对,就直接就在那儿摆... Exactly. Just being there...

405

Yī kāishǐ de shíhou hái xiǎng zhe 一开始的时候还想着 In the beginning we thought about

406

shénme gǎo gǎo huódòng fā fā chuándān 什么搞搞活动发发传单 handling out flyers and running events,

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hòumian shénme dōu méi zuò, jiù zhíjiē kāi zhe mén 后面什么都没做,就直接开着门 but later, we would just open the door

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jiù měitiān dōu huì yǒurén jìnlái wèn 就每天都会有人进来问 and people would come in inquiring about our classes

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ránhòu měitiān dōu yǒurén bàomíng.

然后每天都有人报名。 and would then sign up.

410

Nà yínglì gè fāngmiàn hái tǐnghǎo de? 那盈利各方面还挺好的? Were profits decent?

411

Xiāngdāng hǎo le! Nà zhuànqián hǎoróngyì 相当好了! 那赚钱好容易 More than decent! Making money felt almost too easy.

412

Màidōu yǒu yījùhuà ma 麦兜有一句话嘛 You know that McDull said:

413

wǒ de zhìyuàn shì zuò yī gè xiàozhǎng, 我的志愿是做一个校长, "My dream is to be a school principal

414

měitiān shōu wán xuésheng de xuéfèi zhīhòu jiù qù chī huǒguō. 每天收完学生的学费之后就去吃火锅。
where I collect tuition every day and then go eat hot-pot."

415

Wa, wǒ juéde wǒ jiù guò shàng Màidōu de shēnghuó 哇, 我觉得我就过上麦兜的生活 I think I was living McDull's dream life!

416

Dāngshí zuìhǎo de shíhou yī gè yuè yǒu duōshao shōurù? 当时最好的时候一个月有多少收入? At the peak, how much were you making in a month?

417

Jùtǐ yī gè yuè nǐ shuō duōshao qián, wǒ zǐxì suàn yě suàn bùdào 具体一个月你说多少钱,我仔细算也算不到 I can't give you an exact monthly figure.

wǒ kěyǐ gàosu nǐ, wǒ yī tiān dàgài shì duōshao qián 我可以告诉你,我一天大概是多少钱 But I can tell you what a day looked like.

419

jǐqiān kuài qián ba yī tiān 几千块钱吧一天 We were making a few thousand yuan a day.

420

Nǐmen zài guónèi qíshí dāngshí shēnghuó 你们在国内其实当时生活 So, back in China,

421

jīnqián shang láishuō dehuà háishi tǐng fùzú de 金钱上来说的话还是挺富足的 you two were quite comfortable financially.

422

Xiāngdāng fùyù 相当富裕 More than comfortable!

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Duì duì duì, xiāngdāng fùyù 对对对,相当富裕 Right, more than comfortable!

424

Wǒ hái shuō de yǒudiǎn qiānxū le 我还说得有点谦虚了 I was too modest.

425

Rìzi tài hǎo guò le 日子太好过了 Life was great!

426

Hěn zīrùn de xiǎo shēnghuó | Duì 很滋润的小生活 | 对 A very cushy life. | Exactly.

427

Nà zěnme huì jiùshì tūránjiān bǎ tā gěi fàngqì le ne? 那怎么会就是突然间把它给放弃了呢? But why did you suddenly give it all up?

428

Qíshí wǒmen zài kāi huàshì de zhège guòchéng zhōng ne 其实我们在开画室的这个过程中呢 While we were running the art center,

429

yě gǎnshòu dào le hěn duō de bùyóuzìzhǔ 也感受到了很多的不由自主 we often felt constrained.

430

Wǒ yòu shì yī gè bǐjiào mǐngǎn de rén, 我又是一个比较敏感的人, Plus, I am a very sensitive person.

431

zài jiāshàng nà sān nián dàjiā dōu zhīdào, 再加上那三年大家都知道, And during those three years (of pandemic), which everyone knows about,

432

ránhòu yǒu hěn duō yuǎnfāng de kūshēng. 然后有很多远方的哭声。 there were many people who suffered.

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Jiùshì zhèzhǒng láizì yuǎnfāng de zhèzhǒng kūshēng, 就是这种来自远方的这种哭声, It was the suffering

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ránhòu zhèzhǒng zhōuwéi de zhèzhǒng tòngkǔ, 然后这种周围的这种痛苦, and pain that people around us were experiencing

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yìnzhèng dào wǒmen de shēnshang 印证到我们的身上 which contrasted with our lives

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ràng wǒmen zìjǐ de zhèzhǒng shēnghuó guò de fēicháng de kāixīn, 让我们自己的这种生活过得非常的开心, and made our easy and happy life

437

yě biànde hǎoxiàng yǒuyīdiǎn méiyǒuyìyì. 也变得好像有一点没有意义。 seemed somehow meaningless.

438

Wǒ xiǎng zuò xiē shénme, dànshì wǒ zuò bùliǎo 我想做些什么,但是我做不了 I wanted to do something about it, but I couldn't.

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Nàge shíhou wǒmen liǎng gè jiùshì xùjiǔ a 那个时候我们两个就是酗酒啊 So, we started drinking heavily.

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Wǒmen bīngxiāng lǐmiàn chúle jiǔ shénme dōu méiyǒu 我们冰箱里面除了酒什么都没有 Our fridge had nothing in it but alcohol.

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kànqǐlai hǎoxiàng zhuànqián, yòu méiyǒu rén lái bī wǒ 看起来好像赚钱,又没有人来逼我 From the outside we were making easy money and no one was pressuring us.

442

Wǒ yě bù lǐjiě wèishénme 我也不理解为什么 I didn't know why,

443

wǒ jiùshì měitiān kàn xīnwén wǒ jiù fēicháng de tòngkǔ, 我就是每天看新闻我就非常的痛苦, but I felt really bad reading the news every day.

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nà kěnéng shì zhèngzhìxìng yìyù. 那可能是政治性抑郁。

Maybe it was political depression.

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Shì nǐ gòngqíng nénglì bǐjiào duō? | Yīnggāi shì de 是你共情能力比较多? | 应该是的 You were very empathetic? | I think so.

446

Qíshí zhè sān nián zhōngjiān ne wèishénme huì dào zhège chéngdù? 其实这三年中间呢为什么会到这个程度? Actually, why did we become like that during those three years?

447

Jiùshì jīngshén hǎoxiàng jìn le yī gè hēidòng de chéngdù? 就是精神好像进了一个黑洞的程度? Why did we fall into a spiritual dark hole?

448

Tā yě gēn yī gè shìqing de fāshēng yǒuguān 它也跟一个事情的发生有关 It was actually triggered by one particular event.

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Wǒmen yǒu yī gè guānxi fēicháng hǎo de āyí, 我们有一个关系非常好的阿姨, We had a very close mid-aged female friend

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tā shì zuò chǒngwù jiùzhù de 她是做宠物救助的 who ran a pet-rescue operation

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ránhòu zhège āyí ne tā bāngzhù wǒmen hěn duō. 然后这个阿姨呢她帮助我们很多。 and she helped us a lot.

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Ránhòu tā shì yī gè fēicháng hǎo 然后她是一个非常好 She was really nice

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érgiě tā shì wǒ jiàn guo de zuì yǒuhuólì de rén

而且她是我见过的最有活力的人 and the most energetic person I'd ever met.

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Tā wǔshí duō suì le, zǒu qǐ lù lái xiàng gè nǚ dàxuéshēng yīyàng de 她五十多岁了,走起路来像个女大学生一样的 Even in her fifties she walked like a college girl.

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Dànshì hòumian tā dé le fēi huò qí jīn xìng línbāliú 但是后面她得了非霍奇金性淋巴瘤 But later, she developed non-Hodgkin lymphoma,

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ránhòu wǒ jiù kàn zhe yī gè shēngmìng 然后我就看着一个生命 and I witnessed a life nearing its end,

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dào le hòuqī bèi zhèzhǒng bìngtòng zhémó de... 到了后期被这种病痛折磨得... tortured by illness...

458

zuìhòu yīdiǎn zūnyán dōu bùyào 最后一点尊严都不要 and stripped of every shred of dignity.

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bèi téngtòng zhémó dào jiùshì wánquán yǐjīng bùshì tā le, 被疼痛折磨到就是完全已经不是她了, The pain completely transformed her into someone else.

460

wǒ bù zhīdào yī gè shénme dōngxi zài tā de shēntǐ lǐbian 我不知道一个什么东西在她的身体里边 Whatever occupied her body no longer felt like her.

461

tā dào zuìhòu tā yě bù tài qīngxǐng 她到最后她也不太清醒 Towards the end, she drifted in and out of lucidity.

Ránhòu dào hòumian jiùshì shōudào tā de sǐxùn 然后到后面就是收到她的死讯 Later, I received the news that she had passed away.

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ránhòu zài zhège āyí zǒu le zhīhòu, 然后在这个阿姨走了之后, After she was gone,

464

wǒ jiù xiànrù le yīzhǒng shēngmìng hēisè de zhuàngtài. 我就陷入了一种生命黑色的状态。 I fell into a dark state of mind.

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Běnshēn kěnéng zìshēn yě bǐjiào mǐngǎn ma 本身可能自身也比较敏感嘛 Maybe because I was just more sensitive

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ránhòu yòu jiāshàng nà yòu shì yìqíng qījiān, 然后又加上那又是疫情期间, and with the pandemic on top of it,

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suǒyǐ jiùshì hējiǔ a chī dōngxi a 所以就是喝酒啊吃东西啊 I started to drink and eat even more.

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jiùshì hǎoxiàng mámù de yīyàng 就是好像麻木的一样 Just like that,

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jiù guò dào le nàge èr líng èr èr nián. 就过到了那个二零二二年。 I lived a numb life until 2022.

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Qíshí huàshì dāngshí hái fāzhǎn de tǐnghǎo de 其实画室当时还发展得挺好的 Actually, our art center was doing really well at that time.

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Wǒmen jiùshì yǐjīng gēn yī gè xuéjiě, wǒ de xuéjiě 我们就是已经跟一个学姐,我的学姐 We had even struck a deal with a friend from our university

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tā yě shì zài zhōuwéi kāi huàshì, 她也是在周围开画室, who also ran an art center close to us.

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dàn kāi de bùtàihǎo, tā kuài dǎobì le. 但开得不太好,她快倒闭了。 But hers was failing and on the verge of closing.

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Wǒmen jiù tán hǎo le, wǒmen bǎ tā de dìfang hébìng xiàlai. 我们就谈好了,我们把她的地方合并下来。 We talked it through and decided to merge with her space.

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Ránhòu hébìng le zhīhòu ne, 然后合并了之后呢, After the merger,

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wǒmen jiù xiāngdāngyú shēngjí zuò xiàozhǎng zhīhòu 我们就相当于升级做校长之后 we would essentially level-up to principals,

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jiù zǒu bùyīyàng de lù le, jiù qǐyèjiā la, guǎnlǐ zhě le 就走不一样的路了,就企业家啦,管理者了 step onto a different track—become entrepreneurs and managers.

478

Qíshí zhège hétong rúguǒ qiān xià ne, 其实这个合同如果签下呢, As a matter of fact, if we had signed the contract,

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wǒmen de guīmó jiù yào dào yī nián kěnéng jiùshì yī bǎi duō wàn 我们的规模就要到一年可能就是一百多万 we would have made over a million yuan a year.

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Dànshì qiān hétong de qiányītiān wǎnshang, 但是签合同的前一天晚上, But the night before signing it,

481

wǒ tūrán yīxià yòu bùduìjìn le. 我突然一下又不对劲了。 I suddenly crashed again.

482

Wǒ zhěng gè rén fēicháng jǔsàng, ránhòu diào rù nàzhǒng shēnyuān, 我整个人非常沮丧,然后掉入那种深渊, I plummeted into utter despair, a deep abyss,

483

érqiě wǒ pá bù shànglai 而且我爬不上来 and I couldn't come out.

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Wǒ juéde yǒu jùdà de wú yìyì gǎn lǒngzhào zhe wǒ 我觉得有巨大的无意义感笼罩着我 A massive sense of meaninglessness overshadowed me.

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Wèishénme? 为什么? Why?

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Wǒ bù xiǎngyào nàge qián 我不想要那个钱 I didn't really want the money.

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Rúguǒ wǒ yīdàn jìnrù le zhège xúnhuán, 如果我一旦进入了这个循环, Once I got into that (deal),

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jiùshì wǒ yào qù gù rén, ránhòu wǒ yào kuòzhāng, 就是我要去雇人,然后我要扩张,

I would have to hire staff, expand the business,

489

wǒ yào gǎo kèchéng tǐxì, 我要搞课程体系, build a curriculum,

490

wǒ jiù yào duì gèng duō de rén fùzé 我就要对更多的人负责 and take responsibility for more and more people.

491

Dànzi gèng zhòng le? 担子更重了? Take on a greater burden?

492

Duì, wǒ jiù gèng bù zìyóu le 对,我就更不自由了 Right, and I would be less free.

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Wǒ yī kàn wèilái de wǒ zìjǐ, yěxǔ shì yuèláiyuè duō de yuángōng, 我一看未来的我自己,也许是越来越多的员工, I looked ahead and saw a future with ever-growing payrolls,

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ránhòu yuèláiyuè dà de liúshuǐ 然后越来越大的流水 larger cash flows,

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dànshì zhè shì wǒmen xiǎngyào de ma? 但是这是我们想要的吗? but was that what we truly wanted?

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Wǒ bìxū yào mài gèng duō shíjiān chūqù le, 我必须要卖更多时间出去了, I would have to sell even more of my time,

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wǒ juéde zhège gēn wǒ de chūzhōng bùyīyàng

我觉得这个跟我的初衷不一样 which clashed with my original intentions.

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ránhòu wǒ jiù gēn wǒ héhuǒrén shuō huǎn yī huǎn, 然后我就跟我合伙人说缓一缓, So I told my partner to give me a few days

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ràng wǒ xiān xiǎng jǐtiān 让我先想几天 to think about it.

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Wǒ nà jǐtiān jiù dòng bùliǎo, ránhòu wǒ jiù zhēnde shì... 我那几天就动不了,然后我就真的是... During those days I couldn't move; I literally...

501

Wǒ gēn wǒ lǎogong yě shì shēnshēn de tán le jǐtiān, 我跟我老公也是深深地谈了几天, My husband and I talked for days on end.

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wǒ juéde wǒ yào jiějué zhège shìr, wǒ bùkěnéng yīzhí tǎng zài zhèlǐ. 我觉得我要解决这个事儿,我不可能一直躺在这里。 I knew I had to solve this and couldn't just lie in bed forever.

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Ránhòu wǒ jiù yòu nǎozi lǐmiàn... 然后我就又脑子里面... My mind (started telling me):

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Táo, kuài táo, ránhòu wǒ jiù xiǎng lái Tàiguó 逃,快逃,然后我就想来泰国 "Run, run away!" So, I had the idea of coming to Thailand.

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Zěnme huì jiù tūránjiān xiǎngdào Tàiguó ne? 怎么会就突然间想到泰国呢? Why did you suddenly think about Thailand?

Jiù nǎozi lǐbian jiù yī gè shēngyīn, shuō kuài táo 就脑子里边就一个声音,说快逃 A single voice inside kept shouting, "Run!"

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Kuài táo, nà qù nǎlǐ ne? 快逃, 那去哪里呢? But run to where?

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Wǒ zhǐ chū guo yīcì guó, jiùshì lái Tàiguó 我只出过一次国,就是来泰国 I'd only been abroad once and that was Thailand.

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Wǒ yī kāishǐ shuō de shì, 我一开始说的是, My initial goal had been

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wǒ xīwàng wǒ de shíjiān yuèláiyuè zhíqián, 我希望我的时间越来越值钱, to have my time become more valuable

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ránhòu wǒ kěyǐ yuèláiyuè shǎo de mài wǒ de shíjiān, 然后我可以越来越少地卖我的时间, so I could have a decent living selling less of it,

512

dànshì wǒ zhuīqiú de háishi qián. 但是我追求的还是钱。 but that was still pursing money.

513

Nàge shíhou wǒmen jiù lǐ qīngchu le, 那个时候我们就理清楚了, At that moment we figured out that

514

qián shì gōngjù, qián shì shǒuduàn, bùshì mùdì 钱是工具,钱是手段,不是目的 money is just a tool, a means, never the end.

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Wǒmen zuìzhōng yǒu yī gè mùdì, qíshí shì zìyóu 我们最终有一个目的,其实是自由 Our true goal was freedom.

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Wǒ xīwàng wǒ mài de shíjiān yuèláiyuè shǎo, 我希望我卖的时间越来越少, The initial reason I wanted to sell less and less of my time

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yě shì wǒ duì zìyóu de zhuīqiú ma 也是我对自由的追求嘛 was to ultimately pursue freedom.

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Nàge shíhou wǒmen jiù xiǎng míngbai le yī jiàn shìqing 那个时候我们就想明白了一件事情 At that moment we realized one thing:

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cóng nàshíhou kāishǐ qǐ, 从那时候开始起, from that point on,

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ràng wǒmen yuèláiyuè zìyóu de shìqing, wǒmen jiù dōu qù zuò 让我们越来越自由的事情,我们就都去做 if it's something that makes us more free, we will go ahead and do it,

521

ràng wǒmen yuèláiyuè bù zìyóu de shìqing, wǒmen jiù bù qù zuò 让我们越来越不自由的事情,我们就不去做 and vice versa.

522

Dāng xuǎnzé láilín de shíhou, jiù yǐ zhège wéi biāogān qù zuò xuǎnzé. 当选择来临的时候,就以这个为标杆去做选择。 When we need to make a choice, we will use that as the criteria.

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Nǎpà qián zài duō? | Duì 哪怕钱再多? | 对 Even if the money is huge? | Yes.

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Zhè shì yī gè fēicháng fēicháng jiǎndān de shìqing le 这是一个非常非常简单的事情了 Things became very simple.

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Ránhòu wǒ jiù gēn wǒ de héhuǒrén shuō, 然后我就跟我的合伙人说, So I told my partner,

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wǒ bùxiǎng zài guónèi zài dāi le 我不想在国内再待了 "I don't want to stay in China,

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wǒ xiǎng chūqù kànkan, ránhòu wǒ yào qù Tàiguó shēnghuó 我想出去看看,然后我要去泰国生活 and I want to go abroad and live in Thailand."

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Tā zhènjīng ba? 她震惊吧? Was she shocked?

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Duì a, yīnwèi mǎshàng yào qiān hétong le 对啊,因为马上要签合同了 Of course! Right before signing

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bǎiwàn le | Liàotiāozi zhèhuìr 百万了丨撂挑子这会儿 a multimillion-yuan contract. | You suddenly walked away.

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nàge shénme shùjù dōu lā de fēicháng de qīngchu le,那个什么数据都拉得非常的清楚了, It was clearly projected that

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jiùshì zhǐyào zuò kěndìng jiùshì zhèyàng de. 就是只要做肯定就是这样的。

if we continued with the business, (we would have made a million yuan a year).

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Ránhòu wǒ héhuǒrén dāngshí tīng le zhège shì zhīhòu, 然后我合伙人当时听了这个事之后, After listening to our decision,

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tā fēicháng de yánsù, yīnwèi tā shì yī gè rènzhēn de rén 她非常地严肃,因为她是一个认真的人 she took it very seriously.

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Tā jiù fēicháng rènzhēn de gēn wǒ shuō, tā shuō nǐ gěi wǒ sān tiān shíjiān 她就非常认真地跟我说,她说你给我三天时间 She told me to give her three days

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wǒ huíqu sīkǎo yīxià, ránhòu tā jiù huíjiā le 我回去思考一下,然后她就回家了 to think about it, and then she went home.

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qíshí zhè sān tiān wǒmen dōu fēicháng mòqì de méiyǒu shuō zhège shì. 其实这三天我们都非常默契地没有说这个事。 During those three days, we deliberately avoided the topic.

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Nàtiān wǎnshang xià le kè zhīhòu, 那天晚上下了课之后, One night, after class

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tā shuō nà wǒmen děngxià kāi gè huì 她说那我们等下开个会 she said: "Let's have a meeting."

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Wǒ jiù zhīdào yào shuō zhège shì le, 我就知道要说这个事了, I knew she was going to discuss this matter

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ránhòu wǒ de héhuǒrén shuō le yīxiē ràng wǒ zhè bèizi dōu huì gǎnjī tā,

然后我的合伙人说了一些让我这辈子都会感激她, and she said something to us that I'll be grateful for the rest of my life

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érqiě wǒ fēicháng gǎndòng de huà. 而且我非常感动的话。 and that moved me deeply.

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Tā shuō zài tā xiàng wǒ zhège niánjì de shíhou, 她说在她像我这个年纪的时候, She told me that when she was our age

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tā yě xiǎngyào chūqù kànkan, 她也想要出去看看, she had wanted to see the world

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tā yě xīwàng yǒurén qù zhīchí tā. 她也希望有人去支持她。 and had wished someone would have supported her.

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Suǒyǐ xiànzài wǒmen liǎng gè tíchū le zhège qǐngqiú, 所以现在我们两个提出了这个请求, Now that we'd made this request,

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tā xīwàng nénggòu chéngwéi zhīchí wǒmen de rén, 她希望能够成为支持我们的人, she wanted to be the one to support us.

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suǒyǐ tā yuànyì ràng wǒmen zǒu 所以她愿意让我们走 She would let us go.

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shuō rúguǒ yǒu shénme wèntí dehuà, wǒmen yīqǐ lái jiějué 说如果有什么问题的话,我们一起来解决 If any problems arose, we'd solve them together.

ránhòu gěi sān gè yuè de shíjiān gěi tā guòdù, 然后给三个月的时间给她过渡, She asked for three months to make this transition

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tā yuànyì chéngdān qilai zhè yīqiè. 她愿意承担起来这一切。 and then, she would handle it alone.

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Jiù tā yīgèrén lái bàn zhège xuéxiào? | En 就她一个人来办这个学校? | 嗯 She would run the school by herself? | Yes.

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Wǒmen jiù gēn jiā lǐmiàn rén shuō le, 我们就跟家里面人说了, Then, we told our family about it

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jiā lǐmiàn rén yě tǐng shénqí de 家里面人也挺神奇的 and amazingly,

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jiùshì wǒ bà wǒ mā kěnéng juéde, rénjiā bàmā dōu tóngyì le, 就是我爸我妈可能觉得,人家爸妈都同意了, my dad and mom probably thought, since (my husband's) parents had agreed,

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nà zhǐnéng zǒu le.

那只能走了。

that they should just let us go.

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Tā bàmā kěnéng juéde, nà nàbian fùmǔ dōu méi shuō shénme... 他爸妈可能觉得,那那边父母都没说什么... His parents probably also thought, since my parents hadn't said anything...

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Jiéguǒ qíshí liǎngbiān dōu zài děng duìfāng de fùmǔ, shì ma? 结果其实两边都在等对方的父母,是吗? Maybe parents from both sides were waiting for the response of the other, right?

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Duì, yīnwèi wǒmen fùmǔ píngshí liánxì de bùshì hěn duō对,因为我们父母平时联系得不是很多Right, our parents don't usually talk to each other.

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Nà tāmen bùhuì juéde shuō, 那他们不会觉得说, Wouldn't they ask you

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nǐ fàngqì zhème dà de shìyè, zhíde ma? 你放弃这么大的事业,值得吗? if giving up such a big career was really worth it?

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Zhè shìbùshì tài cāngcù le tài cǎoshuài le? 这是不是太仓促了太草率了? Wasn't it too hasty, or too reckless?

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Tāmen kěndìng yǒu zhè fāngmiàn de xiǎngfǎ 他们肯定有这方面的想法 They must have had those thoughts.

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Wǒ lǎogong de bàba fēicháng yǒu yǔyán yìshù 我老公的爸爸非常有语言艺术 My father-in-law has a real gift with words.

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Tā shuō, nà nǐmen chūqù kànkan ba 他说, 那你们出去看看吧 He said, "Go out to the world and have a look.

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Chūqù chī diǎn kǔ, jiù zhīdào jiā lǐbian yǒu duō tián le 出去吃点苦,就知道家里边有多甜了 Go taste some bitterness, and you'll know how sweet home is!"

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Fǎnzhèng wǒmen jiùshì yě méiyǒu shòudào shénme zǔlán 反正我们就是也没有受到什么阻拦 In any case, we didn't meet any resistance.

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érqiě wǒ juéde yìqíng gǎibiàn le hěn duō rén de shēngsǐ guān 而且我觉得疫情改变了很多人的生死观 Also, I think the pandemic changed many people's views

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yǐjí rénshēng guān 以及人生观 on life and death.

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Zài nàge zhuàngtài zhīxià, fùmǔ qíshí yě bìngbù juéde 在那个状态之下,父母其实也并不觉得 In that situation, parents didn't necessarily feel

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nǐ xiànzài yōngyǒu de zhèxiē dōngxi 你现在拥有的这些东西 that the things we had were

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jiùshì fēicháng zhíde nǐ jiù tóurù yīshēng jìnqu. 就是非常值得你就投入一生进去。 so valuable that we must devote our whole life to them.

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Kěnéng tā gèng yuànyì jiēshòu wǒmen shuō, 可能他更愿意接受我们说, They adopted the idea that

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rén yào chūqù kànyīkàn de zhèzhŏng xiǎngfǎ 人要出去看一看的这种想法 people should go out and see the world.

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Kěnéng nà duàn shíjiān huì ràng hěn duō rén yìshi dào 可能那段时间会让很多人意识到 Maybe that period (the pandemic) made many realize

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sǐwáng bìng bùshì zhǐyǒu dào le qīlǎobāshí cái fāshēng 死亡并不是只有到了七老八十才发生

that death doesn't only happen when you're seventy or eighty.

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Duì, kěnéng jiùshì míngtiān

对,可能就是明天

Right, it could be tomorrow.

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Duì, nà wèishénme bù chèn xiànzài qù zuò xiǎng zuò de shìr?

对, 那为什么不趁现在去做想做的事儿?

So why not do what you want to do now?

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Duì, jiù bù ràng zìjǐ liúxià yíhàn

对,就不让自己留下遗憾

Right, so you won't be left with regrets.

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Nà fùmǔ dāngshí zhīdào nǐ de zhège zhuàngkuàng ma?

那父母当时知道你的这个状况吗?

Did your parents know about your (mental) situation at the time?

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Bù zhīdào, wǒ méiyǒu shuō guo

不知道, 我没有说过

They didn't know. I never told them.

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Dànshì wǒ juéde, wǒ māma yīnggāi yǐnyuē zhīdào yǒuxiē shénme

但是我觉得, 我妈妈应该隐约知道有些什么

But my mom probably sensed something.

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Wǒ juéde tā rénshēng tàidu jiùshì

我觉得她人生态度就是

I think her philosophy is that

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rúguǒ biéren bùxiǎng ràng tā zhīdào, tā jiù bù zhīdào.

如果别人不想让她知道, 她就不知道。

if someone doesn't want her to know something, she will remain silent.

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Nà wò kěndìng shì bù xīwàng fùmǔ zhīdào,

那我肯定是不希望父母知道,

Of course I didn't want my parents to know,

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yīnwèi tāmen bìngbù néng tígōng yǒuxiào de bāngzhù 因为他们并不能提供有效的帮助 because they couldn't offer any effective help anyway.

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Fǎn'ér hái huì... | Dānxīn shénmede 反而还会... | 担心什么的 Instead they would just... | They would worry?

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Duì, hái huì dānxīn 对,还会担心 Right, they'd just worry.

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yóuqí wǒ bàba, 尤其我爸爸, Especially my dad,

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tā shì yī gè bùshì hěn nénggòu lǐjiě zhèxiē shìqing de rén 他是一个不是很能够理解这些事情的人 he is someone who cannot really understand these things.

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Nǐ juéde guónèi de shèhuì duì yìyùzhèng 你觉得国内的社会对抑郁症 In your opinion, how does society in China view depression

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huòzhě shuō qítā yīxiē xīnlǐ jiànkāng wèntí de rènzhī zěnmeyàng? 或者说其他一些心理健康问题的认知怎么样? or other mental health issues?

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Fēicháng cūbào 非常粗暴 Very crudely.

Shénme yìsi?

什么意思?

What do you mean by that?

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Wǒ qíshí yīzhí bù gǎn qù yīyuàn quèzhěn 我其实一直不敢去医院确诊 I never dared go to a hospital for an official diagnosis.

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Bù tài gắn qù quèzhěn de yuányīn shì 不太敢去确诊的原因是 The reason I didn't go was because

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qíshí tā kěnéng huì yǐngxiǎng dào wǒ de rìcháng shēnghuó. 其实它可能会影响到我的日常生活。 it might actually affect my daily life.

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Yī kāishǐ wǒ shàng dàxué de shíhou, 一开始我上大学的时候, Back when I started university,

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wǒmen jiù zuò nàge xīnlǐ cèshì de liángbiǎo. 我们就做那个心理测试的量表。 we had to take psychological screening tests

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Xiěwán zhīhòu, zhège wèntí bǐjiào dà de tóngxué 写完之后,这个问题比较大的同学 and after that, the students whose results looked problematic

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jiù huì bèi jiào dào nàge xuéxiào de xīnlǐ fǔdǎo shì, 就会被叫到那个学校的心理辅导室, were called to the school's counseling center.

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ránhòu jiù yǒu lǎoshī zhòngdiǎn guānzhù.

然后就有老师重点关注。

Then the teachers would single them out for special attention.

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Nǐ shì bù tài xiǎngyào bèi guānzhù? 你是不太想要被关注? You didn't want that attention?

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Jiùshì wǒ juéde qíshí bìng méiyǒu bāngzhù, 就是我觉得其实并没有帮助, Honestly, I don't think it really helps.

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dànshì zhèzhǒng guānzhù fǎn'ér huì zàochéng yālì. 但是这种关注反而会造成压力。 That kind of attention only creates more stress.

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Wǒ rènwéi zhè shì kěnéng shì xuéxiào huòzhě shì shuō zhège jítǐ, 我认为这是可能是学校或者是说这个集体, I believe the school or any institution like it—

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tā bìngbù xiǎng chéngdān zhè fāngmiàn de zérèn, 它并不想承担这方面的责任, doesn't want to take responsibility for these issues,

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suǒyǐ tā yào qǐdào jiānkòng de zuòyòng, 所以它要起到监控的作用, so they just want to monitor you.

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qíshí bìng bùshì lái bāngzhù rén de. 其实并不是来帮助人的。 It's not about helping the person at all.

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Érqiě wǒ yīnwèi zìjǐ yǒu zhè fāngmiàn de nánshòu de gǎnjué, 而且我因为自己有这方面的难受的感觉, In addition, since I had these distressing symptoms,

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wǒ yě qù bàomíng ránhòu zìxué xuéxí le nàge guójiā xīnlǐ zīxún shī 我也去报名然后自学学习了那个国家心理咨询师 I enrolled and studied the national psychological-counselor curriculum.

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Wǒ zài xuéxí de guòchéng zhōng, 我在学习的过程中, While studying,

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wǒ jiù fāxiàn zhèxiē zhìliáo de zhèxiē nèiróng ba 我就发现这些治疗的这些内容吧 I realized the treatments in the program

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háishi yǒuyīxiē bǐjiào luòhòu, 还是有一些比较落后, were rather outdated

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bù tài nénggòu shìyòng yú dāngxià de zhèzhǒng wèntí 不太能够适用于当下的这种问题 and were not suitable for problems that people have now.

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ránhòu yǐjí xiànzài yīyuàn kāiyào yuèláiyuè suíyì le 然后以及现在医院开药越来越随意了

Also, hospitals nowadays are becoming increasingly casual about prescribing drugs (for mental issues).

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Wǒ shàngcì qù wǒ péngyou jiā lǐmiàn 我上次去我朋友家里面 The last time I visited my friend's place,

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wa, tā jiā lǐmiàn shénme jīngshén lèi de yàowù dōu yǒu 哇,她家里面什么精神类的药物都有 wow—her home was stocked with all kind of psychiatric drugs.

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tā shuō qù yīyuàn jiùshì yī gè yīshēng, 她说去医院就是一个医生, She said she would go to a hospital,

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yī gè yīshēng yītào shuōfa,

一个医生一套说法,

and each doctor would give her a different diagnosis

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ránhòu jiù huì kāi bùtóng de yào. 然后就会开不同的药。 and then prescribe different drugs.

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Wǒ juéde xiànzài hěn duō shíhou kěnéng rénmen tài guòyú xìnrèn yàowù le, 我觉得现在很多时候可能人们太过于信任药物了, I think nowadays people seem to place too much trust in medication,

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ér wǒ zìjǐ bùshì nàzhǒng fēicháng xìnrèn yàowù de. 而我自己不是那种非常信任药物的。 whereas I'm not someone who trusts pills that much.

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Bǐjiào xìngyùn de shì zài wǒ bàofā zhège zhèngzhuàng de shíhou, 比较幸运的是在我爆发这个症状的时候, I was actually lucky that when my symptoms first flared up,

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qíshí wǎngluò shàngmiàn, zhèzhǒng yúlùn shàngmiàn 其实网络上面,这种舆论上面 the online discourse and public opinion

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hái méiyǒu xiàng xiànzài de zhè yī gǔ fēngcháo 还没有像现在的这一股风潮 hadn't yet reached the current trend

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jiùshì bǎ yìyùzhèng rúcǐ de fàn huà, 就是把抑郁症如此地泛化, of turning depression into an all-purpose label

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ránhòu jiùshì bǎ zhège bìngzhèng rúcǐ de fàn huà 然后就是把这个病症如此地泛化 that explains everything.

Fàn huà shì zhǐ? 泛化是指? What do you mean by that?

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Jiù shénme dōu néng wǎng shàngmiàn chě 就什么都能往上面扯 Anything and everything gets labelled

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shénme dōu néng wǎng yìyù shàngmiàn chě 什么都能往抑郁上面扯 as depression.

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xiànzài zuìjìn xiǎo hóng shū yīzhí zài gěi wǒ tuī ADHD, 现在最近小红书一直在给我推 ADHD, Recently, Red Note's algorithm keeps suggesting posts about ADHD to me,

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jiùshì yuè kàn yuè xiàng zìjǐ. 就是越看越像自己。 and the more I read them, the more I think I have it too.

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Quèshí, jiùshì yǒudeshíhòu, 确实,就是有的时候, Indeed, sometimes

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wǒmen kěnéng hěn duō rén dōu huì yǒu zhèyàng de tǐyàn 我们可能很多人都会有这样的体验 many of us have that experience:

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nǐ juéde nǎlǐ nánshòu le, ránhòu nǐ qù wǎngshàng yī chá 你觉得哪里难受了,然后你去网上一查 you feel something is off, you search online,

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wa, fāxiàn zìjǐ hǎo yánzhòng | Wǒ dé áizhèng le 哇,发现自己好严重 | 我得癌症了 and suddenly, "Wow, it's super serious!" | "I got cancer!"

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Duì duì duì, nǎo ái le 对对对, 脑癌了 Right, brain tumor.

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Wa, zhège zhèngzhuàng wǒ yě yǒu, zhèzhǒng | Duì duì duì 哇,这个症状我也有,这种 | 对对对"Wow, I have those symptoms too." | Exactly.

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Jiùshì yǐqián kěnéng zhǐshì zhège shēntǐ fāngmiàn de zhèzhǒng 就是以前可能只是这个身体方面的这种 In the past it was mainly physical symptoms,

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xiànzài jīngshén fāngmiàn yě shì chàbuduō de. 现在精神方面也是差不多的。 now the same thing happens with mental ones.

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Wǒ jiù qù yīyuàn kànbìng, 我就去医院看病, As soon as I go to the hospital,

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yī qù jiù quèzhěn, quèzhěn jiù kāiyào. 一去就确诊,确诊就开药。 it's a diagnosis, then straight to a prescription.

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Wǒ dāngshí yīnwèi wǒ yǒu péngyou 我当时因为我有朋友 At the time, I had a friend

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tā shì zài Niǔyuē nàbian de dàxué lǐbian 他是在纽约那边的大学里边 studying to be a psychologist

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jiùshì xuéxí zhège xīnlǐ yīshēng 就是学习这个心理医生 at a university in New York,

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ránhòu tā jiù gěi wǒ tuījiàn le yīdiǎn yàowù ràng wǒ shìyòng yīxià. 然后他就给我推荐了一点药物让我试用一下。 and he suggested a couple of medications for me to try.

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Qíshí yě suànshì yīshēng de jiànyì, zūnyīzhǔ ba 其实也算是医生的建议,遵医嘱吧 Technically, I was following a doctor's recommendation,

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dànshì wǒ wánquán bù tuījiàn rènhé rén xiàng wǒ zhèyàng 但是我完全不推荐任何人像我这样 but I absolutely do NOT recommend anyone do what I did.

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Wǒ zhēnde dǎnzi tài dà le 我真的胆子太大了 I was way too reckless.

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ránhòu jiù chī le, chī le jiù fēicháng de nánshòu. 然后就吃了,吃了就非常的难受。 I took (the drugs he recommended), and felt absolutely awful.

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Shénme fǎnyìng? 什么反应? What kind of reaction?

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Zhěng gè rén hūn hūn de, xiàng gēn shìjiè gé le yīcéng máobōli 整个人昏昏的,像跟世界隔了一层毛玻璃 I felt drowsy, like there was a frosted glass pane between me and the world.

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Jiù méishénme gǎnjué le, shì ma? 就没什么感觉了,是吗? So you felt nothing?

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Wǒ gǎnjué yǒu yīzhǒng diànyǐng gǎn 我感觉有一种电影感

It felt as if I was in a movie.

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Wǒ jiùshì juéde wǒ zhōuwéi de yīqiè dōu shì zài fàng diànyǐng ba 我就是觉得我周围的一切都是在放电影吧 Everything around me seemed to be playing on a screen—

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dànshì tā yòu méiyǒu nàme... 但是它又没有那么... but it wasn't guite...

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Jiùshì zhēnzhèng de jiùshì nàzhǒng huànjué 就是真正的就是那种幻觉 It was hallucinations.

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Jiù móhu ma? 就模糊吗? Everything was blurry?

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Duì, wǒ juéde wǒ gēn zhège shìjiè hǎoxiàng gé zhe yī céng máobōli 对,我觉得我跟这个世界好像隔着一层毛玻璃 Right, it was as if a layer of frosted glass separated me from the world.

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Ránhòu jiānchí chī le yī duàn shíjiān zhīhòu juéde háishi... 然后坚持吃了一段时间之后觉得还是... I took them for a while, then decided...

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Wǒ bù tuījiàn rènhé rén xiàng wǒ zhèyàng 我不推荐任何人像我这样 I don't recommend anyone follow my example.

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Wǒ zhǐshì wǒ zìjǐ zǒu guo yīxiē zhèzhǒng wùqū 我只是我自己走过一些这种误区 I've stumbled through some mistakes myself and...

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Juéduì juéduì bùyào zìjǐ yòng yào!

绝对不要自己用药!

Please do not self-medicate!

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Ránhòu yīnwèi wǒ zhīqián yǒu guo nàxiē jīnglì ma, shàitàiyáng shài hǎo le 然后因为我之前有过那些经历嘛,晒太阳晒好了 Based on my earlier experiences, sunbathing helped a lot.

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suǒyǐ wǒ juéde zhège tàiyang duì wǒ hěn zhòngyào 所以我觉得这个太阳对我很重要 I realized sunlight

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ránhòu dàzìrán duì wǒ hěn zhòngyào. 然后大自然对我很重要。 and nature is vital for me.

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Suǒyǐ wǒ hòumian jiù xúnqiú zhè fāngmiàn de zhèzhǒng liáoyù ba 所以我后面就寻求这方面的这种疗愈吧 So later, I looked for healing in those directions.

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Nà nǐ juéde jiùshì guónèi zhège shèhuì 那你觉得就是国内这个社会 Do you think Chinese society

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duìyú yìyùzhèng yǒuméiyǒu shénme wùjiě? 对于抑郁症有没有什么误解? has any misunderstandings on depression?

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Zhè dōu lǎoshēngchángtán de le 这都老生常谈的了 People have talked about this a lot.

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Jiùshì dàjiā dōu juéde nǐ xiǎngkāi jiù hǎo le, 就是大家都觉得你想开就好了, People think that you will be fine if you think it through

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yìyùzhèng shì yīnwèi xiǎngbukāi 抑郁症是因为想不开 as if depression stems from having a negative mindset.

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Qíshí wǒ kànqǐlai shì yī gè tǐng xiǎngdekāi de rén, 其实我看起来是一个挺想得开的人, Actually I look like someone who's pretty positive,

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wǒ zìjǐ wǒ yě juéde wǒ shì gè fēicháng xiǎngdekāi de rén. 我自己我也觉得我是个非常想得开的人。 I believe I am like that as well.

676

Jiùshì gèzhǒng dàoli... jiùshì dàoli wǒ dōu dǒng, 就是各种道理... 就是道理我都懂, Rationally, I understand what to do,

677

dànshì shēntǐ shì hěn zhíguān de 但是身体是很直观的 but my body reacts differently.

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Tā biǎoxiàn chūlai de zhège fēicháng zhíguān de jiùshì yǒu wèntí a 它表现出来的这个非常直观的就是有问题啊 It shows, very directly, that something is wrong

679

érqiě zhège bìng bùshì shuō wǒ xiǎngdekāi jiù xíng de 而且这个并不是说我想得开就行的 and it's not something that "thinking it through" can fix.

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jiù xiàng wǒ tǎng zài nàli, méiyǒu rènhé de zhǔguān néngdòngxìng, 就像我躺在那里,没有任何的主观能动性, When I'm lying there with zero motivation,

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bùshì shuō chī diǎn xīnlíng jītāng wǒ jiù néng zhènzuò qilai 不是说吃点心灵鸡汤我就能振作起来 no amount of motivational speech can make me get up.

682

érshì tā zhēnde yǒu zhèyàng de zhèngzhuàng 而是它真的有这样的症状 I just experienced those symptoms.

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Yǒu chángshì guo chī xīnlíngjītāng ma? 有尝试过吃心灵鸡汤吗? Have you ever tried reading motivational books?

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Wǒ kàn hěn duō de shū 我看很多的书 I read tons of books.

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Wǒ juéde qíshí rúguǒ rén shāowēi wúzhī yīdiǎn yě tǐng xìngfú de. 我觉得其实如果人稍微无知一点也挺幸福的。 I actually think a little ignorance can be a bliss.

686

Jiùshì bù kàn nàme duō de dōngxi, bù sīkǎo nàme duō, 就是不看那么多的东西,不思考那么多, If you don't read and think so much,

687

nàme jiǎndān de xīnlíngjītāng kěnéng jiù néng ràng rén zhènfèn qilai. 那么简单的心灵鸡汤可能就能让人振奋起来。 simple motivational quotes might actually motivate you.

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Dànshì duìyú zhèzhǒng xūwú de wèntí, 但是对于这种虚无的问题, But for existential questions,

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duìyú zhèzhǒng tòngkǔ, sīkǎo de yuè duō, 对于这种痛苦,思考得越多, if you're someone who thinks about this a lot,

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nà jiùshì nàzhǒng jiǎndān de xīnlíngjītāng, 那就是那种简单的心灵鸡汤, these simple motivational speeches

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jiù yuè shì hē bùdào nàge xīn lǐmiàn qù. 就越是喝不到那个心里面去。 just won't help.

692

Nà nǐmen dāngshí duì Qīngmài de shēnghuó shì yǒu shénme jìhuà de ma? 那你们当时对清迈的生活是有什么计划的吗? So when you moved to Chiang Mai, what plans did you have?

693

Shì lái le gànmá ne? Háishi jiùshì lái xiūxi 是来了干嘛呢? 还是就是来休息 Was it for something specific, or just to rest?

694

Wǒmen yī kāishǐ zài zhèlǐ suàn shì tǎngpíng, 我们一开始在这里算是躺平, At first we basically lied flat

695

tǎng le yǒu chàbuduō yīnián duō 躺了有差不多一年多 and did that for over a year.

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Kāixīn ma? | Chāojí kāixīn 开心吗? | 超级开心 Did you feel happy? | Super happy!

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Jiùshì měitiān shàitàiyáng 就是每天晒太阳 Every day, we were sunbathing.

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Jiùshì wǒmen láidào zhèlǐ, hǎoxiàng zhīqián nàxiē quánbù dōu diūdiào le 就是我们来到这里,好像之前那些全部都丢掉了 Once we came here, we felt like we had unloaded

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jiù xiàng rēng le yī gè bāofu yīyàng | Qīngsōng le ba 就像扔了一个包袱一样 | 轻松了吧

all the heavy burdens off us. | You felt relaxed.

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Duì, bèihòu shénme dōu méiyǒu le 对,背后什么都没有了 Yes, nothing left on our backs.

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Měitiān dōu shì zài dà zìrán lǐbian 每天都是在大自然里边 Every day, we immersed ourselves in nature

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Jiù měitiān yǒu bùyòng de chẳngsuǒ kěyǐ qù tànsuǒ 就每天有不用的场所可以去探索 and there were many places for us to explore.

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ránhòu jiù juéde gǎnshòu dào fēicháng dà de gǎndòng 然后就觉得感受到非常大的感动 I felt moved

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wǒ juéde zhège chéngshì méiyǒu rènhé 我觉得这个城市没有任何 because I didn't feel any rejection

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ràng wǒ gǎndào wǒ bèi páichì de dìfang. 让我感到我被排斥的地方。 from this city.

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Qíshí wǒ fǎnsī guo zhège shìqing 其实我反思过这个事情 Actually, I've reflected on this.

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kěnéng yīnwèi wǒmen shì wàiguórén. 可能因为我们是外国人。 Maybe because we're foreigners (in Thailand)

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Jiù tā de shèhuì wèntí qíshí bùyòng wǒmen fùdān

就它的社会问题其实不用我们负担 and so, its social problems don't really burden us.

709

Bùhuì yǐngxiǎng dào nǐ | Duì 不会影响到你 | 对 They don't affect you. | Right.

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Ránhòu wǒ xīwàng wǒ néng zuò hěn duō hǎo shìr 然后我希望我能做很多好事儿 Also, I hope I can do a lot of good things

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Zài zhèlǐ zuò hǎoshì tài róngyì le 在这里做好事太容易了 and doing good here is so easy.

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Qù jiùzhù biéren, qù gū'éryuàn 去救助别人,去孤儿院 You can go to orphanages and help others.

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Wǒmen mǎi yī dà duī dōngxi qù gěi nàxiē gū'éryuàn 我们买一大堆东西去给那些孤儿院 We buy a lot of stuff and take it to the orphanages.

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Wǒ méiyǒu qián de shíhou, jiù yǒu péngyou gěi wǒ dǎdiànhuà shuō 我没有钱的时候,就有朋友给我打电话说 When we didn't have money (to help) and friends asked us

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néng bùnéng yòng nǐ de píkǎ, wǒ xiǎng gěi gū'éryuàn tuō dōngxi. 能不能用你的皮卡,我想给孤儿院拖东西。 to lend them our pick-up because they wanted to deliver things to an orphanage,

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Nà wǒ fēicháng yuànyì a 那我非常愿意啊 I was more than happy to help.

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Ránhòu gěi rén tuō guòqu, xīnli néng gāoxìng hǎo jǐtiān 然后给人拖过去,心里能高兴好几天 After it was done, I would feel happy for days.

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Ránhòu qù gǒugōu jiùzhù zhàn, fēicháng de jiǎndān 然后去狗狗救助站,非常的简单 Also, you can go to dog shelters, so it's very simple (to do good things).

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Wǒ gěi gǒugōu xǐzǎo, gěi gǒugōu wèi chīde 我给狗狗洗澡,给狗狗喂吃的 We would give the dogs baths, feed them,

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tāmen dōu hěn xǐhuan wǒ 它们都很喜欢我 and they all loved us.

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Jiùshì zhège shì zuò wán le zhīhòu bùyòng xiǎng le, 就是这个事做完了之后不用想了, Once the job is done,

722

bùyòng xiǎng hòuxù de yīqiè 不用想后续的一切 I don't need to think about it anymore.

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érqiě bèi biéren bāngzhù de shíhou, 而且被别人帮助的时候, Later, when we are the ones being helped,

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wǒ nèixīn qíshí méiyǒu nàme duō de kǎolǜ huòzhě shì xiǎngfǎ 我内心其实没有那么多的考虑或者是想法 we won't overthink or have any concerns either.

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Bāng wán le jiù zǒu le 帮完了就走了 Help given, then gone.

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Nà wǒ xiàyīcì wǒ pèngdào yī gè rén, 那我下一次我碰到一个人,

The next time when I meet someone who needs help,

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wǒ yě shì bāng wán tā wǒ jiù zǒu le, wǒ néng gāoxìng yī tiān 我也是帮完他我就走了,我能高兴一天 I will help and walk away, and that will make my day.

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Zhège chéngshì zhēnde hěn shénqí 这个城市真的很神奇 This city is truly magical.

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wǒ zhù le sān nián zhīhòu, 我住了三年之后, After living here for three years,

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wǒ yuèláiyuè gǎnshòu dào zhèzhǒng... Bùshì shuō tā jiù wánměiwúquē, 我越来越感受到这种... 不是说它就完美无缺, I feel it's more and more... not that it's flawless,

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tā méiyǒu huàirén, yě yǒu huàirén 它没有坏人,也有坏人 there are bad people,

732

wǒ zài zhèlǐ wǒ yě pèngdào guo nàzhǒng bùtàihǎo de rén a 我在这里我也碰到过那种不太好的人啊 and I've met a few,

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dànshì zhè bù zhòngyào, zhòngyào de shì dàbùfen de rén 但是这不重要,重要的是大部分的人 but that's not what matters; what matters is that most people

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bāokuò wǒ zhège dàbùfen de gǎnshòu 包括我这个大部分的感受 are willing

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dōu shì wǒ gèng yuànyì qù bāngzhù biéren le 都是我更愿意去帮助别人了 to help others.

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Quèshí, xiàng zài guónèi 确实,像在国内 Indeed, in China,

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bāngzhù biéren yǒudeshíhòu kǎolǜ tā huì yǒu shénme dàijià 帮助别人有的时候考虑它会有什么代价 when we help others, we are often concerned if we will end up paying for it

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wǒ shènzhì huì dānxīn duìfāng huìbùhuì juéde wǒ shì huàirén 我甚至会担心对方会不会觉得我是坏人 or worried if they think we have ulterior motives.

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wǒ wúyuánwúgù de wǒ gànmá yào bāng nǐ? 我无缘无故地我干嘛要帮你? If not, why would we help them? (That's Chinese logic).

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Jiù xiàng huíguó... qíshí yǐjīng xíguàn le 就像回国...其实已经习惯了 When I go back to China, actually I've gotten used to...

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wǒ dāngshí huíguó yǐjīng xíguàn le, 我当时回国已经习惯了, I've gotten used to,

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měicì jiàndào rén le | Wēixiào shénmede 每次见到人了 | 微笑什么的 when I see someone... | Smile?

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wēixiào yīxià, gěi rén diǎn gè tóu dǎ gè zhāohu 微笑一下,给人点个头打个招呼

I will smile or nod to greet them.

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Jiùshì xiào le liǎng cì zhīhòu biéren dōu mòmíngqímiào de yǎnshén 就是笑了两次之后别人都莫名其妙的眼神

But after doing that a couple of times (in China), I noticed that others gave me a confused look.

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Tā juéde nǐ xiǎng gànmá? 他觉得你想干嘛?

They wonder: "What do you want?!"

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Duì, jiù bǎ wǒ gěi dǎ huílai le. 对,就把我给打回来了。 Right, so I took back (my smile).

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Huíqu jiùshì jǐnliàng bù hé biéren duìshì 回去就是尽量不和别人对视 I will try not to look at other people in China.

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Shìbùshì zhèzhǒng jiùshì láizì mòshēngrén de shànyì 是不是这种就是来自陌生人的善意 Maybe it's the kindness you receive from strangers (in Thailand)

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qíshí yě zài wúxíngzhōng zhìyù le nǐ 其实也在无形中治愈了你 that cured your (depression)

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ràng nǐ xīnqíng mànmàn de jiùshì huì yuèláiyuè hǎo, yuèláiyuè hǎo 让你心情慢慢的就是会越来越好,越来越好 and made you happier and happier?

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Duì, jiùshì chūmén kàndào nàme duō de xiàoróng, 对,就是出门看到那么多的笑容、 Yes, when you go out and see the smiles,

752

yángguāng, lántiān, báiyún yǐjí zhèzhǒng shànyì 阳光、蓝天、白云以及这种善意 the sun, the blue sky and white clouds, as well as experience their kindness,

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rén hěn nán zài zhèzhǒng nánshòu de gǎnjué lǐbian chénjìn hěn jiǔ 人很难在这种难受的感觉里边沉浸很久 it will be hard to be depressed anymore.

754

Nà nǐ huì duì yě zhèngzài jīnglì 那你会对也正在经历 So what advice would you give to people

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yìyùzhèng de kùnrǎo de rén yǒu shénme jiànyì? 抑郁症的困扰的人有什么建议? currently battling depression,

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Jiù jiǎshè tāmen méiyǒu bànfǎ xiàng nǐmen yīyàng 就假设他们没有办法像你们一样 assuming they can't drop everything

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bǎ yīqiè dōu fàngqì diào chūguó. 把一切都放弃掉出国。 and move abroad like you did?

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Shǒuxiān shì rènshi dào zhège wèntí, 首先是认识到这个问题, First, acknowledge and recognize the problem,

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ránhòu bùyào tài guòyú qù zàiyì tā, 然后不要太过于去在意它, and then stop obsessing over it.

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bùyào bǎ suǒyǒu de shìqing dōu guījié yú zhège shàngmiàn, 不要把所有的事情都归结于这个上面, Stop attributing everything to it,

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ránhòu jiù bùzài xiàngqián.

然后就不再向前。

and don't stop moving forward just because of it.

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Rén yìyù de shíhou yě kěyǐ shénme dōu bù zuò děng tā guòqù 人抑郁的时候也可以什么都不做等它过去

When you're depressed, it's okay to do nothing and just wait for it to pass.

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Děng tā guòqù de shíhou, wǒmen háishi kěyǐ xiàngqián 等它过去的时候,我们还是可以向前 While waiting, we can still inch forward.

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Nǐ xiànzài shì kāi le yī jiā mínsù? 你现在是开了一家民宿? | Currently, you are running a guest house, right?

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Duì duì, Mushroom Chill House 对对, Mushroom Chill House Yes, Mushroom Chill House.

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Yǒu lái Qīngmài xiǎo zhù de, 有来清迈小住的, If you come to Chiang Mai

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xiǎngyào qù tǐyàn nàge fēicháng dàzìrán de mù wū de shēnghuó dehuà 想要去体验那个非常大自然的木屋的生活的话 and want to experience a life with nature and wooden houses,

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kěyǐ qù Mógu jiā xiǎo zhù yīxià 可以去蘑菇家小住一下 you can come to Mushroom's guest house.

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Huānyíng lái wǒ jiā, 欢迎来我家, Welcome!

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wǒmen jiā shì yǒu qī dòng chún yòumù dǎzào de fángzi 我们家是有七栋纯柚木打造的房子 We have seven houses constructed of pure teak wood.

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Duì mù wū gǎnxìngqù de kěyǐ lái wǒmen jiā tǐyàn yīxià 对木屋感兴趣的可以来我们家体验一下 If you're interested in wooden houses, you can come and experience them.

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Háiyǒu xiǎomāo, xiǎogǒu, háiyǒu guìyuán shù, mángguǒ shù 还有小猫、小狗、还有桂圆树、芒果树 There are cats, dogs, dragon fruit and mango trees

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háiyǒu nàge diàochuáng kěyǐ yáo a yáo 还有那个吊床可以摇啊摇 as well as hammocks!

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Shìde, wǒ kěyǐ tígōng yīxiē zhàopiàn gěi dàjiā kàn 是的,我可以提供一些照片给大家看 Right, I can provide some photos of my home.

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Xiànzài háiyǒu zuò qítā de shénme ma? 现在还有做其他的什么吗? What else are you doing?

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Háiyǒu... wǒmen xiànzài yǒu yī tào huìběn zài shòu 还有... 我们现在有一套绘本在售 We currently have a picture book for sale.

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ránhòu zhège huìběn ne shì jiào mànhuà shìshuō xīnyǔ 然后这个绘本呢是叫漫画世说新语 This picture book is titled Manga Shishuo Xinyu

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lǐmiàn de chātú ne jiùshì yóu wǒ lǎogong gēn wǒ chuàngzuò de 里面的插图呢就是由我老公跟我创作的

and the illustrations were created by my husband and I.

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Ránhòu ne háiyǒu yī gè wǒmen hé péngyou 然后呢还有一个我们和朋友 We also collaborated with a friend

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qíshí hézuò chū le yī gè shèjìshī kuǎn de dān kuài 其实合作出了一个设计师款的单块 and designed

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jiùshì jítā xiàoguǒ qì 就是吉他效果器 a guitar effect pedal.

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Ránhòu xiànzài tā shì yī gè pǐnpái, jiào Klowra 然后现在它是一个品牌,叫 Klowra It's now a brand called Klowra.

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ránhòu zhège pǐnpái ne tā shì shǔyú bǐjiào xiǎozhòng de 然后这个品牌呢它是属于比较小众的 This brand is relatively niche.

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shì nàzhǒng shùmǎ héchéng xiàoguǒ qì 是那种数码合成效果器 It's a digital synthesis effect pedal.

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wǒ péngyou zhìzuò de, wǒmen huà de chāhuà 我朋友制作的,我们画的插画 My friend built the unit, and we drew the illustrations.

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Fēicháng piàoliang de yī kuǎn, ránhòu jiàgé yě hěn héshì 非常漂亮的一款,然后价格也很合适 It's a very beautiful model, and the price is quite reasonable.

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Zuò yīnyuè de péngyou yě kěyǐ kǎolù zhè yī kuǎn chǎnpǐn

做音乐的朋友也可以考虑这一款产品

People who make music might want to check out this product.

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Nà jīntiān fēichánggǎnxiè nǐ de fēnxiǎng 那今天非常感谢你的分享 Thank you so much for sharing today!

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Xīwàng néng gěi dàjiā tígōng yīxiē hǎo de fànlì, 希望能给大家提供一些好的范例, I hope to provide everyone with some good examples,

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ránhòu yě gěi dàjiā tígōng yīxiē néngliàng ba 然后也给大家提供一些能量吧 and also to offer some positive energy.

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